

# STELLAR POPULATIONS IN THE CENTRAL 0.5 pc OF THE GALAXY. I. A NEW METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING LUMINOSITY FUNCTIONS AND SURFACE-DENSITY PROFILES

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## ABSTRACT

We present new high angular resolution near-infrared spectroscopic observations of the nuclear star cluster surrounding the Milky Way’s central supermassive black hole. Using the integral-field spectrograph OSIRIS on Keck II behind the laser-guide-star adaptive optics system, this spectroscopic survey enables us to separate early-type (young, 4–6 Myr) and late-type (old, > 1 Gyr) stars with a completeness of 50% down to  $K' = 15.5$  mag, which corresponds to  $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$  for the early-type stars. This work increases the radial extent of reported OSIRIS/Keck measurements by more than a factor of three from  $4''$  to  $14''$  (0.16 to 0.56 pc), along the projected disk of young stars. For our analysis, we implement a new method of completeness correction using a combination of star-planting simulations and Bayesian inference. We assign probabilities for the spectral type of every source detected in deep imaging down to  $K' = 15.5$  mag using information from spectra, simulations, number counts, and the distribution of stars. The inferred radial surface-density profiles,  $\Sigma(R) \propto R^{-\Gamma}$ , for the young stars and late-type giants are consistent with earlier results ( $\Gamma_{\text{early}} = 0.93 \pm 0.09$ ,  $\Gamma_{\text{late}} = 0.16 \pm 0.07$ ). The late-type surface-density profile is approximately flat out to the edge of the survey. While the late-type stellar luminosity function is consistent with the Galactic bulge, the completeness-corrected luminosity function of the early-type stars has significantly more young stars at faint magnitudes compared with previous surveys with similar depth. This luminosity function indicates that the corresponding mass function of the young stars is likely less top-heavy than that inferred from previous surveys.

**Key words:** Galaxy: center – infrared: stars – stars: early-type – stars: luminosity function, mass function – techniques: high angular resolution – techniques: spectroscopic

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The star cluster at the center of the Milky Way has been observed extensively in the past owing to its unique position in the closest galactic nucleus. The study of its properties has led us to unique insights about its stellar population and has demonstrated the existence of a supermassive black hole at the Galactic center (e.g., Paumard et al. 2006; Ghez et al. 2008; Gillessen et al. 2009). The nuclear star cluster is mainly composed of a massive old stellar cluster with a half-light radius of 5–10 pc (Schödel 2011). At the center of the cluster, located within the central  $\sim 0.5$  pc, is a concentration of young stars (of age 4–6 Myr) that dominates the luminosity of this region. These two components provide us with different probes of the physical conditions near a supermassive black hole. The presence of the young stars in the strong tidal field of the black hole allows us to study star formation in an extreme environment and provides a test of the universality of the initial mass function (IMF). The late-type old stars, on the other hand, provide us with a test of the long-term interactions between a star cluster and a supermassive black hole. This has implications for black hole growth as well as the inward migration of compact objects.

Our understanding of the nuclear star cluster in the Galactic center is driven in large part by progressively more advanced observing capabilities. Seeing-limited observations of the Galactic

center in the infrared enabled the identification of the nuclear star cluster as a peak in the stellar density toward the center of the Galaxy (e.g., Becklin & Neugebauer 1968). Subsequent spectroscopy led to the discovery that the center of the cluster also hosts a number of bright emission line stars (Krabbe et al. 1991), indicating that a population of young stars resides within the central  $\sim 0.5$  pc. However, because of the high density of stars in this region, it was not possible to disentangle the two populations of stars through seeing-limited observations. Spectroscopy of the spatially integrated light showed a decrease in CO equivalent width toward the center of the cluster, which can be due to either a decrease in the number of red giants or contamination of the spectra by the bright Wolf–Rayet (WR) stars in the region (Haller et al. 1996).

These limitations were greatly alleviated by the advent of adaptive optics (AO), which allowed diffraction-limited imaging and spectroscopy in the near-infrared on 8–10 m class telescopes. AO imaging enabled measurements of the number counts of stars as well as their proper motions in the plane of the sky (e.g., Genzel et al. 2003; Ghez et al. 2005). Integral-field spectroscopy provided the crucial ability to separate the population of young stars from that of the old red giants, thus enabling the study of the two populations independently (e.g., Eisenhauer et al. 2005; Do et al. 2009a). In terms of studying the characteristics of star and cluster formation in this region, these advances provide two key observables: the surface-density profile and the luminosity function of the cluster.

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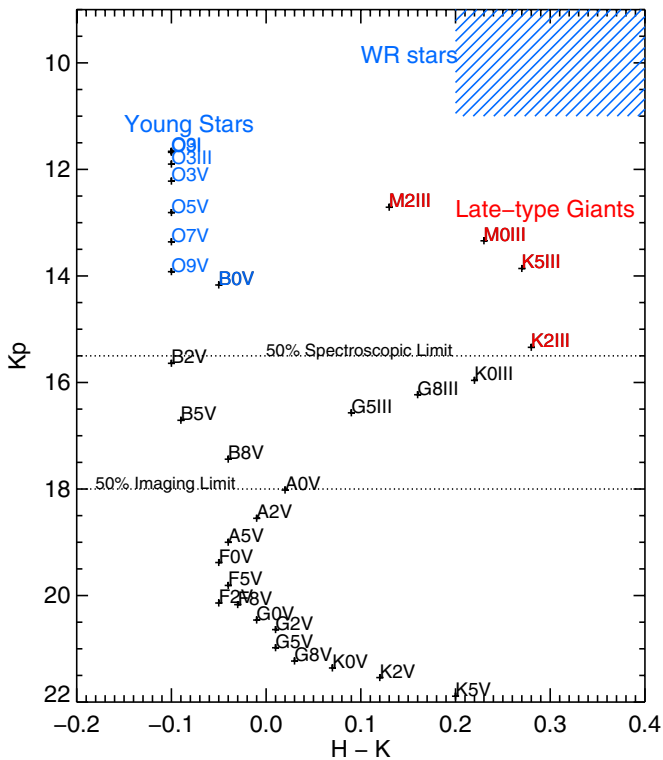
The surface-density profile provides one of the observable features of the dynamical state of the cluster. Early in the formation of the cluster, the stellar distribution reflects its origin; for example, about half of the young stars are observed to be distributed in a thin, clockwise-rotating stellar disk with a steep projected radial surface-density profile of  $\sim 1/R^2$  in the disk plane (Paumard et al. 2006; Lu et al. 2009). This may be indicative of their in situ formation in an accretion disk (Levin & Beloborodov 2003). On the other hand, over time, the cluster will become dynamically relaxed with respect to the black hole and settle into a steady-state density profile, with all traces of its origin removed. Bahcall & Wolf (1977) predicted that star clusters with a massive black hole should contain a cusp with a spatial density profile of  $r^{-7/4}$  to  $r^{-3/2}$ , depending on whether the cluster has a single mass population or contains multiple mass components. This property helped to facilitate calculations such as the growth of black holes by stars and the in-spiral rate of compact stellar remnants in galactic nuclei, as the power-law exponent is one of the most uncertain parameters for describing the distribution of stars (e.g., Preto & Amaro-Seoane 2010). While the red giants at the Galactic center ( $> 1$  Gyr) may have had time to dynamically relax, they unexpectedly show a core-like (i.e., flat) surface-density profile (Buchholz et al. 2009; Do et al. 2009a). At present, the origin of the flattening of the surface-density profile is unclear. The flat core could arise from secular evolution of the cluster, such as resonant relaxation, or caused by a drastic event such as the infall of another massive black hole (Merritt 2010; Murphy 2011; Madigan et al. 2011). Increasingly refined measurements of the properties of the structure of the old stellar population, such as its spatial density profile and core radius, are necessary to make progress.

The luminosity function is one of the most fundamental observable parameters of any stellar population. It is a measure of the relative distribution of stellar luminosities and can be used to determine properties such as the age, star formation history, and IMF of the cluster. Much of the early work on the near-infrared luminosity function at the Galactic center was aimed at understanding the old population of bright giants, as many of them can be spatially resolved with seeing-limited imaging and spectroscopy. Blum et al. (1996) conducted one of the most complete near-IR photometric surveys of the central  $2'$  ( $\sim 5$  pc) of the Galactic center possible under seeing-limited conditions. Their observed luminosity function reached  $K \sim 12.5$ , where stellar crowding started to dominate. They found that down to these magnitudes, the  $K$  luminosity function in this region is consistent with that found by Tiede et al. (1995) for Baade's Window, a low extinction region several degrees from the Galactic center. While this suggests that the Galactic center may have the same star formation history and composition as the inner bulge, the observations were not deep enough to reach the red clump at  $K = 15.5$ , where most of the red giants at the Galactic center are manifested.

The IMF is one of the most important observational signatures that connect star formation theories with observations (McKee & Ostriker 2007). As most observations from the local universe show a remarkably consistent IMF across different star formation environments, there is substantial interest in whether the stellar IMF is universal, especially in extreme environments like the Galactic center (see review from Bastian et al. 2010). The best population for constraining the IMF of stars at the Galactic center lies in the young stars within the central parsec, which have recently become observationally accessible through

integral-field spectroscopy behind AO (e.g., Eisenhauer et al. 2005; Do et al. 2009a). Using the AO-fed integral field unit (IFU) SINFONI at Very Large Telescope, Paumard et al. (2006) were the first to construct a  $K$  luminosity function from a spectroscopically selected sample of young stars. Their sample was largely limited to stars brighter than  $K = 13$  mag, which is near the transition between evolved OB stars and main-sequence (MS) B stars. This corresponds to measuring the mass function only for the evolved massive stars. It is necessary to observe the MS for reliable mass function measurements as the stellar atmosphere and evolutionary models may have large uncertainties for the massive evolved stars (Martins et al. 2007). Do et al. (2009a) went deeper with the OSIRIS spectrograph on Keck II to  $K < 15.5$ , which provided a sample of the early-type MS B stars. However, they did not attempt to derive the mass function from the observed luminosity function. Bartko et al. (2010) also achieved a similar depth for spectroscopic observations in fields sampling out to  $\sim 1$  pc from the center, largely perpendicular to the disk of young stars. They used star-planting simulations to derive a completeness correction for the  $K$  luminosity function within projected radius  $0''.8 < R < 12''$  ( $0.03\text{--}0.5$  pc) and through stellar population synthesis modeling, concluded that the young stars have a very top-heavy IMF, with  $dN/dm \propto m^{-0.45 \pm 0.3}$ , compared with a Salpeter IMF of  $dN/dm \propto m^{-2.35}$  (Bartko et al. 2010). In comparison, the young stars in the central  $0''.8$  (sometimes called the S-stars) show a slope that is consistent with Salpeter, with  $\Gamma = -2.15 \pm 0.3$  for stars with  $K > 14.0$  mag. There are suggestions that the S-stars may not originate from the same star formation event that formed the young stars further due to the lack of stars more massive than early B MS stars in this region (see review in Genzel et al. 2010). Some theoretical studies however suggest that S-stars might have originated further out, and were brought in by a combination of dynamical events (e.g., Madigan et al. 2009). One challenge in interpreting these luminosity functions is that at a depth of  $K' < 15.5$ , there is only a limited magnitude range from the start of MS at  $K' \approx 14.0$ ; this limited range means that the faintest magnitude bin has a large impact on the slope of the luminosity function, and hence the mass function.

Because of the importance of the faint end of the luminosity function, it is crucial to understand and carefully account for the assumptions inherent in completeness correction. Completeness correction attempts to characterize an underlying population, in which only a certain number of sources can be observed or identified. In the case of the luminosity function of young stars at the Galactic center, the aim would be to quantify the number of young stars, given that not all sources will have spectral identification. One standard approach is through star-planting simulations as Bartko et al. (2010) have done in order to characterize the recovery rate of stars at a given magnitude; the completeness-corrected count is then derived by dividing the observed number of stars by the fraction of undetected sources. This method utilizes no other information than that provided by the star-counting simulation. However, for the case of the Galactic center, we have much more information on the underlying population that can be used in the completeness correction. (1) The sources in the magnitude range where spectroscopy is possible have been extensively imaged and their counts are nearly 100% complete; this means that at a minimum, the completeness-corrected number of sources should not exceed the number of existing sources. (2) Given the luminosity function of stars at the Galactic center at the current spectroscopic sensitivity, we are mainly sensitive to two



**Figure 1.** Theoretical color-magnitude diagram of the Galactic center in the NIR showing the expected observed  $K'$  magnitude for stars of different spectral types behind 2.7 mag of extinction at  $K'$  and at 8 kpc (the  $H-K$  colors are intrinsic colors). The locations at 50% completeness for spectroscopy and imaging are also shown. Most of the stars observable with spectroscopy in this region are either young stars (blue) or late-type giants (red). The colors and magnitudes in this plot are derived from Williams & Antonopoulou (1981), Ducati et al. (2001), Martins & Plez (2006), and Wegner (2007).

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types of sources: old late-type giants and young stars (Figure 1). (3) The surface-density profiles of the early- and late-type stars also give information on their expected fraction as a function of projected distance from Sgr A\*.

Here, we present new integral-field spectroscopic observations that extend to a distance of  $\sim 0.5$  pc from Sgr A\* in the direction along the projected major axis of the plane of the young stellar disk, with a sky position angle (P.A.) of  $105^\circ$  (e.g., Paumard et al. 2006; Lu et al. 2009). Previously, spectroscopic coverage beyond about 0.25 pc in this region was limited to lower spatial resolution measurements (e.g., Paumard et al. 2006). We obtain spectra for about 400 stars with  $K' < 15.5$  mag, which allow us to investigate the radial profile and luminosity functions of both the early-type (young) and late-type (old) populations. In Sections 2 and 3, we describe the new observations and data reduction, while in Section 4 we review our method for assigning spectral types. In Section 4.3, we adapt a method from Bayesian inference with star-planting simulations to infer probabilities for the spectral types of all sources with  $K' < 15.5$  and to establish the spectral completeness of our survey. This incorporates all available information from spectra, number counts, and knowledge of the radial distribution of stars at the Galactic center to estimate the stellar population. In Section 5, we present the resulting surface number density profiles and  $K'$  luminosity functions of the early- and late-type stars and in Section 6, we discuss the implications of these results for the mass function of the young stars and their origins, and we present the implications for the radial distribution of old

stars. In a companion paper (Lu et al. 2013, hereafter Paper II), we will derive the mass function of the young stars. Section 7 summarizes our conclusions.

## 2. OBSERVATIONS

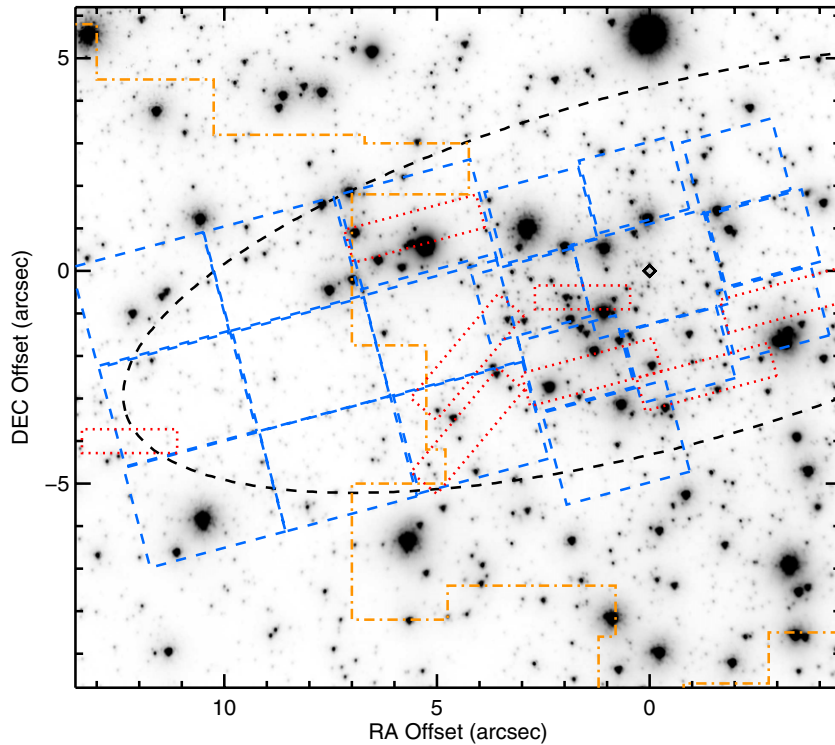
Observations of the central 0.5 pc of the Galaxy consist of (1) spectroscopy to distinguish young, hot stars from old, cool giants and (2) photometry to measure the brightness of each young star. Both the spectroscopic and imaging observations were obtained in conjunction with the laser-guide-star adaptive optics (LGS AO) system on the Keck II telescope (Wizinowich et al. 2006; van Dam et al. 2006); the LGS was propagated at the center of the field of view for each observation, and for low-order tip-tilt corrections, we used the  $R = 13.7$  mag star, USNO 0600-28577051, which is located  $\sim 19''$  from Sgr A\*. Details specific to the spectroscopic and imaging observations are described in Sections 2.1 and 2.2, respectively.

### 2.1. Spectroscopy

Near-IR integral-field spectra of the Galactic center were obtained between 2007 and 2011 using the OH-Suppressing Infrared Imaging Spectrograph (OSIRIS; Larkin et al. 2006). The primary observations for this work constitute a survey through the narrowband filter Kn3 ( $2.121\text{--}2.220\ \mu\text{m}$ ). This includes both observations initially reported in Do et al. (2009a) and Do (2010) and new 2010–2011 observations, which increase the radial extent of this survey by more than a factor of three from  $4''$  to  $14''$  ( $0.16$  to  $0.56$  pc; see Figure 2). We refer to the combination of the original survey and this new extension of our survey as the Galactic Center OSIRIS Wide-field Survey (GCOWS). Our initial work, which covered a  $8'' \times 6''$  region centered on Sgr A\*, used OSIRIS's 35 mas plate scale (field of view of  $1''.58 \times 2''.24$ ). The new GCOWS observations are located at larger projected distances from the Galactic center than the previous work and were obtained with a 50 mas plate scale (field of view of  $2''.25 \times 3''.2$ ); as the stellar densities are lower in this region, this provides a good compromise between spatial resolution and field of view. The new GCOWS fields cover a region of approximately  $10'' \times 7''.2$  east of the survey reported in Do (2010), along the major axis of the projected disk plane of the clockwise disk of young stars at a P.A. of  $105^\circ$ , as measured by Lu et al. (2009; see also Levin & Beloborodov 2003; Paumard et al. 2006; Bartko et al. 2009; Yelda 2012). Each of the new fields is observed with a six-point dither pattern of 900 s per frame, in which the dithers have small ( $\sim 0.1$ ) offsets from one another. The larger plate scale allows us to reach sensitivity comparable to that of the previous 35 mas plate-scale observations, which have about 9 dithers per field. The total surface area of all the observations (including those from Do et al. 2009a) is  $113.7\ \text{arcsec}^2$ . We also observe seven pointings (of various total integration times) within the Kn3 survey region with the  $K$  broadband filter (Kbb,  $1.965\text{--}2.382\ \mu\text{m}$ ) in either the 35 mas or 50 mas plate scale, depending on the stellar density. The broadband observations are used to verify the spectral types of a sample of stars (see Appendix A). Table 1 summarizes the details of the complete survey, including field locations, integration times, dates of observations, and data quality.

For calibration purposes, we observe skies after the Galactic center observations. These observations are used to determine the stability of the wavelength solution with the OH skylines. Sky subtractions for the Galactic center spectra are done using local sky measurements in each of the science data cubes,





**Figure 2.** Spatial coverage of the OSIRIS survey fields in the Kn3 filter (dashed blue) as well as the  $K$  broadband spectral verification fields (dotted red). The survey is designed to increase the radial coverage along the orientation of the young stellar disk on the plane of the sky (dashed black,  $\Omega = 105^\circ$ ,  $i = 115^\circ$ ; Lu et al. 2009). The survey extends radially out to a projected distance of  $\sim 0.5$  pc (dashed black) from Sgr A\* (black diamond). The survey region from Bartko et al. (2010, dot-dashed orange) overlaps the GCOWS fields closest to Sgr A\*.

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as described in Section 3. To remove atmospheric telluric absorption lines, we also observe an A0V (HD195500 or HD155379) and a G2V (HD193193 or HD150437) star each night.

## 2.2. Imaging

Photometric observations for the individual stars in the central parsec of the Galaxy were conducted using the  $K'$ -band ( $K'$ ) filter at  $\lambda_o = 2.12 \mu\text{m}$  ( $\Delta\lambda = 0.35 \mu\text{m}$ ) in order to identify stars, measure their positions and  $K'$  brightness, and estimate the completeness of our star counts. Observations were taken in 2006, 2008, and 2010 with the NIRC2 instrument (PI: K. Matthews). The NIRC2 field of view is  $\sim 10''$  with a pixel scale of  $9.95 \text{ mas pixel}^{-1}$  (Yelda et al. 2010). To image all of the young stars in this region, a mosaic was constructed covering  $27'' \times 27''$  roughly centered on Sgr A\*. Individual exposures at each pointing had an integration time of  $t_{\text{int}} = 28 \text{ s}$  ( $2.8 \text{ s} \times 10 \text{ coadds}$ ). The mosaic dither pattern always consisted of a  $3 \times 3$  position box pattern with  $8''.5$  steps between each position and with  $\sim 4$  exposures used at each position.<sup>8</sup> For two of the three epochs, we also completed a  $2 \times 2$  position box pattern with  $4''$  steps, and two exposures at each position to provide large overlaps between all the tiles in the mosaic.

## 3. DATA REDUCTION

### 3.1. Spectroscopy

Data reduction and extraction of new spectra were performed in a manner similar to that of Do et al. (2009a). For these data,

we used version 2.3 of the OSIRIS pipeline, as provided by the instrument team. This version includes a new wavelength solution for the instrument in 2009, which was subject to changes in temperature at that time. This wavelength solution was verified by comparing the locations of OH sky emission lines. The pipeline also removes electronic cross-talk, corrects cosmic rays, and assembles the data cubes.

Stellar spectra are extracted from the GCOWS Kn3 observations of all stars brighter than a differential extinction-corrected  $K'_{\Delta A} < 15.5 \text{ mag}$  within our field of view, as identified from deep NIRC2 imaging (Section 3.2). To register the OSIRIS data cubes to the LGS AO  $K'$  images, the point-spread function (PSF) fitting routine, *StarFinder* (Diolaiti et al. 2000), is run on an image produced from collapsing the OSIRIS data cube along the spectral dimension, producing an OSIRIS star list. Positions from *StarFinder* are matched to positions derived from LGS AO  $K'$  images in the same region. Because the images have higher spatial resolution and better PSF characterization than the OSIRIS observations, they allow us to identify the locations of stars that may have been missed by *StarFinder* on the OSIRIS cubes. Spectra are then extracted with a circular aperture centered at the location of each star ( $K'_{\Delta A} < 15.5$ ) detected in imaging at each spectral channel. We use an aperture radius between 1 and 2 pixels (50–75 mas), depending on the distance to the nearest source. For sky and background subtraction, we use the median flux values in an annulus with an inner radius of 1–2 pixels and an outer radius of 2–4 pixels. To remove atmospheric telluric lines, we divide the spectra by that of a blackbody-removed spectrum of an A star each night. The A star is featureless in the wavelength region of interest except for the strong Br  $\gamma$  line, which we replace by using the spectrum of a G star calibrator divided by the solar spectrum over the region

<sup>8</sup> The observations were typically done under less than ideal seeing conditions and some individual exposures were rejected due to poor AO correction.

**Table 1**  
Summary of OSIRIS Observations

Field Name	Field Center <sup>a</sup> ( $''$ )	Date (UT)	$N_{\text{frames}} \times t_{\text{int}}$ (s)	Plate Scale (mas)	FWHM <sup>b</sup> (mas)	Filter	Published <sup>c</sup>	P.A. ( $^{\circ}$ )
GC Central (C)	0, 0	2008 May 16	11 $\times$ 900	35	84 $\times$ 85	Kn3	1	285
GC East (E)	2.88, $-0.67$	2007 Jul 18	10 $\times$ 900	35	85 $\times$ 70	Kn3	1	285
GC South (S)	$-0.69, -2.00$	2007 Jul 19	10 $\times$ 900	35	73 $\times$ 63	Kn3	1	285
GC West (W)	$-2.70, 0.74$	2007 Jul 20	11 $\times$ 900	35	110 $\times$ 86	Kn3	1	285
GC Southeast (SE)	1.67, $-2.23$	2008 Jun 3	11 $\times$ 900	35	68 $\times$ 63	Kn3	1	285
GC North (N)	0.33, 2.01	2008 Jun 7	7 $\times$ 900	35	102 $\times$ 85	Kn3	1	285
		2008 Jun 10	5 $\times$ 900	35	75 $\times$ 70	Kn3	1	285
GC Northeast (NE)	2.55, 1.27	2008 Jun 10	5 $\times$ 900	35	74 $\times$ 68	Kn3	1	285
GC Southwest (SW)	$-2.9, -1.12$	2009 May 26	4 $\times$ 900	35	92 $\times$ 80	Kn3	2	285
GC Northwest (NW)	$-1.99, 2.42$	2009 Jul 21	6 $\times$ 900	35	71 $\times$ 64	Kn3	2	285
E2-1	5.43, 0.99	2010 May 6	6 $\times$ 900	50	94 $\times$ 96	Kn3	3	285
E2-2	4.8, $-1.4$	2010 May 7	6 $\times$ 900	50	88 $\times$ 79	Kn3	3	285
E2-3	4.16, $-3.75$	2010 Jul 28	6 $\times$ 900	50	104 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
E3-1	8.59, 0.15	2010 May 9	6 $\times$ 900	50	79 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
E3-2	7.94, $-2.21$	2010 May 7	1 $\times$ 900	50	72 $\times$ 77	Kn3	3	285
		2010 May 9	5 $\times$ 900	50	79 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
E3-3	7.31, $-4.57$	2010 Jul 29	6 $\times$ 900	50	95 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
E4-1	11.73, $-0.68$	2010 May 10	6 $\times$ 900	50	97 $\times$ 84	Kn3	3	285
E4-2	11.08, $-3.04$	2010 May 9	1 $\times$ 900	50	79 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
		2010 May 10	5 $\times$ 900	50	97 $\times$ 94	Kn3	3	285
E4-3	10.44, $-5.41$	2010 Jul 29	1 $\times$ 900	50	95 $\times$ 86	Kn3	3	285
		2010 Jul 30	5 $\times$ 900	50	106 $\times$ 90	Kn3	3	285
S2-1	0.69, $-4.16$	2010 Aug 1	6 $\times$ 900	50	102 $\times$ 85	Kn3	3	285
Verification Field 3	4.29, $-2.20$	2011 Jul 25	4 $\times$ 600	50	80	Kbb	3	140
Verification Field 4	4.28, $-3.76$	2011 Jul 25	2 $\times$ 600	50	80	Kbb	3	140
Verification Field 5	1.37, $-2.38$	2011 Aug 17	2 $\times$ 600	50	90	Kbb	3	105
Verification Field 6	$-1.34, -2.49$	2011 Aug 17	3 $\times$ 600	50	90	Kbb	3	105
Verification Field 7	5.52, 0.99	2011 Aug 17	1 $\times$ 600	50	90	Kbb	3	105
Verification Field 8	$-3.30, -0.65$	2011 Aug 17	1 $\times$ 600	50	90	Kbb	3	105
Verification Field 9	1.58, $-0.62$	2011 Aug 25	3 $\times$ 600	35	86	Kbb	3	90
Verification Field 11	12.22, $-4.00$	2011 Aug 25	2 $\times$ 600	35	86	Kbb	3	90

**Notes.**

<sup>a</sup> R.A. and decl. offset from Sgr A\* (R.A. offset is positive to the east).

<sup>b</sup> Average FWHM of a relatively isolated star for the night, found from a two-dimensional Gaussian fit to the source.

<sup>c</sup> (1) Do et al. 2009a; (2) Do 2010; (3) this work.

2.155–2.175  $\mu\text{m}$ . Within the entire GCOWS data set, we extract a total of 400 spectra, including those reported in Do (2010), which are re-extracted and re-analyzed here.

Stellar spectra are extracted from the Kbb observations for 12 stars (described in more detail in Appendix A). For Kbb data taken in the 50 mas plate scale, stellar spectra are extracted in a similar manner to the extraction described above. For the Kbb data taken in the 35 mas plate scale, an aperture radius of 2 pixels is used, with a sky annulus defined from 2 to 4 pixels.

### 3.2. Photometry

Each tile of the NIRC2 photometric mosaic is reduced separately. This is necessary because the AO PSF varies with time and position and the correct PSF is required for precise photometry. Our NIRC2 data reduction pipeline is used to subtract dark current and sky emission, flatten the field, remove bad pixels and cosmic rays, and apply corrections for instrumental and atmospheric distortion (Lu 2008; Yelda et al. 2010). For each tile in the dither pattern, the individual exposures at that pointing were combined. Additionally, three subset images are created for each tile with 1/3 of the exposures in order to estimate uncertainties.

Stellar photometry and astrometry are extracted using *StarFinder* with the same setup described in Yelda et al. (2010).

The resulting star lists are photometrically calibrated using a sample of stellar magnitudes reported in Schödel et al. (2010), converted from the  $K_s$  filter to the  $K'$  filter as described in Appendix C. Uncertainties are estimated empirically for each tile by taking the error on the mean flux and position measurements from the tile's three subset images. Sources not detected in the tile's combined image and three subset images are thrown out as spurious artifacts. Star lists for all the tiles are then mosaicked together to create a single master star list for each epoch covering the entire  $27'' \times 27''$ . The photometry for stars in the mosaicked star list is the error-weighted average flux of all the tiles in which a star is present. The photometric errors are either the weighted standard deviation of the fluxes in all the tiles,  $\text{STD}_{\text{weighted}}(f_i)$ , or the average flux error,  $\text{AVG}(\sigma_{f_i})$ , whichever is larger.

The mosaicked star lists from 2006, 2008, and 2010 are aligned together. Sources are dropped that are not detected in at least two of the three epochs, which throws out most spurious detections due to PSF artifacts and cosmic rays. Some stars may have intrinsic brightness variations, so we adopt, as our final photometric measurements, the time-averaged flux and rms error, weighted by the flux errors at each epoch. Due to the small number of epochs used to estimate the error, we impose a minimum photometric uncertainty of 0.02 mag.

Photometry for stars at the Galactic center must also be corrected for strong and spatially variable extinction, even at near-infrared wavelengths. A detailed extinction map has been created for the region from near-infrared photometry of red clump stars by Schödel et al. (2010). This extinction map is used to apply differential extinction corrections to individual stars, thereby shifting all the observed stars in our NIRC2 imaging to a common extinction value of  $A_{K_s} = 2.7$ , the mean extinction value for the region. Before applying the differential extinction correction, we convert our observed  $K'$  magnitude to a  $K_s$  magnitude using filter conversions computed from a synthetic atmosphere with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 30,000$  K for early-type stars, and  $T_{\text{eff}} = 4000$  K for late-type stars and untyped stars (Appendix C). For the untyped sources, the error in assuming the wrong spectral type is less than the typical photometric error. After correcting for extinction, the  $K_s$  photometry is converted back to  $K'$  magnitudes and the differential extinction-corrected  $K'_{\Delta A}$  photometry is used throughout the paper.

The high stellar density and the large brightness contrast of stars at the Galactic center cause some stars to be undetectable in the NIRC2 images. The imaging completeness as a function of position and brightness is estimated using star-planting simulations described in Appendix C.1. The average resulting completeness is 94% at  $K'_{\Delta A} = 15.5$  and 41% at  $K'_{\Delta A} = 18$  mag in the GCOWS field of view (these values are comparable for observed  $K'$ ).

#### 4. SPECTRAL TYPING AND BAYESIAN INFERENCE

For the purposes of this study, we wish to differentiate the WR and O/B stars (MS and evolved) from those of later spectral types such as the evolved M and K giants. We will refer to early-type stars as stars with a spectral type of B or earlier (including the WR stars) and late-types as all stars with spectral types later than B. As these two groups of stars were formed at very different times, we can use their early- or late-type status as a proxy for age in measurements of the luminosity function and surface-density profiles of the two populations. In this section, we describe our method of classifying stars under the hypotheses that they are either early-type ( $H_E$ ), or late-type ( $H_L$ ). The goal is to assign each star a probability of being early-type,  $P_E$ , or late-type,  $P_L$ , and with the constraint that  $P_L + P_E = 1$ . This process is composed of the following steps.

1. Manually assign each star as either early-type ( $P_E = 1$ ), late-type ( $P_L = 1$ ), or untyped using spectral classification criteria laid out in Section 4.1.
2. Use the sample of manually typed stars with  $K' > 14.0$  to train the Bayesian algorithm to recognize the properties of early- and late-type stars. This is accomplished by constructing the probability distributions of Na I and Br  $\gamma$  equivalent widths for both the early-type and late-type stars with  $K' > 14$  (Section 4.2).
3. For all untyped sources, assign probabilities based on the Bayesian evidence for the early-type and late-type hypotheses using the above training sample and extensive star-planting simulations (Section 4.3).

For all stars we have extracted ( $K'_{\Delta A} < 15.5$ ), this analysis yields the probability that each star is either early-type or late-type.

##### 4.1. Manual Spectral Types

We group the stellar spectra by eye into three groups: (1) late-type, (2) early-type, or (3) untyped. Stars with significant Na I

features are classified as late-type (219 stars). The sources with Br  $\gamma$  absorption and no Na I features are classified as early-type (44 stars). Bright ( $K' \lesssim 13.0$ ) stars with featureless spectra between 2.121 and 2.220  $\mu\text{m}$  are also classified as early-type (23 stars); these sources are most likely O V or O/B1 stars that can have very weak Br  $\gamma$  absorption or emission (Hanson et al. 1996). We also identify 12 WR stars, all of which were previously identified by Paumard et al. (2006), as early-type. The remaining stars with unclear spectral features are classified as untyped; all stars with signal-to-noise ratio (S/N)  $< 5$  are also classified as untyped. The above criteria are slightly different from those used in Do et al. (2009a). The revision from Do et al. (2009a) is based on the detection of a few yellow giants in the survey region, which have smaller Na I equivalent widths than the bulk of the K and M giants (some have been identified by Blum et al. 2003; Pfuhl et al. 2011). In the process of revising these criteria, we obtained Kbb spectra of a small subset of sources to verify that this spectral typing method is robust (see Appendix A). Figure 3 shows the locations of the 286 stars with manually determined spectral classifications. Detailed properties for these late-type, non-WR early-type, and WR stars are reported in Tables 2, 3, and 4, respectively.<sup>9</sup>

The sensitivity of the fields observed in 2010 with the 50 mas plate scale is similar to that from Do et al. (2009a). Table 5 summarizes the completeness of each of the new fields compared to imaging in 0.5 mag bins. For the entire GCOWS sample, we are able to spectral type about 50% of the sources known from imaging with  $K'_{\Delta A}$  between 15.0 and 15.5 mag (Figure 4). The radial dependence of the spectroscopic completeness is shown in Figure 4 for  $K' = 14.5$ –15.5 mag. This is compared to the imaging completeness presented in Appendix C.1. The spectroscopic sensitivity drops dramatically around bright stars (Figure 3). For example, no stars were spectral-typed at distances closer than  $0''.25$  from the IRS sources. Key factors that contribute to the incompleteness of our observations are halo noise from bright stars, background gas emission lines, and crowding in the central regions.

##### 4.2. Training Sample: Observed Line Width Distributions

A key component of assigning probabilities to the untyped stars is understanding the expected distribution of measured Na I and Br  $\gamma$  equivalent widths of observable stars at the Galactic center. We use all manually typed stars with  $K' > 14.0$  to construct a distribution function for the Na I and Br  $\gamma$  equivalent widths of early-type and late-type stars (Figure 5); these stars are chosen for the training sample because the majority of the untyped stars have  $K' > 14.0$  mag. The method used to measure equivalent widths is described in Appendix B. Typical errors in equivalent width of Na I for this sample for the early- and late-type stars are about 0.5 and 1 Å, respectively. The equivalent width errors for Br  $\gamma$  are about 0.5 and 0.7 Å, respectively. A Gaussian was fit to each distribution of equivalent widths (the best fits are summarized in Table 6). These Gaussian distributions are used as priors in the following Bayesian analysis of the untyped stars.

##### 4.3. Statistical Spectral Types as an Approach to Completeness Correction

Spectra of the untyped sources contain important information about the relative completeness of early-type and late-type

<sup>9</sup> As in Do et al. (2009a) we exclude the star S0-32 from our analysis because it is a known foreground source.

**Table 2**  
OSIRIS Observations of Late-type Stars

Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$	R.A. Offset ( $''$ )	Decl. Offset ( $''$ )	$R$ ( $''$ )	Epoch	Na ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Na}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$N_{\text{obs}}^b$	S/N <sup>c</sup>	Field
S0-6	14.10	0.14	14.32	0.03	-0.36	0.36	2008.30	5.32	0.12	12	60	C
S0-18	15.12	0.33	15.32	-0.12	-0.43	0.45	2009.03	3.73	0.59	11	28	C
S0-12	14.34	0.03	14.50	-0.55	0.41	0.69	2007.35	4.64	0.20	7	47	C
S0-13	13.35	0.12	13.52	0.55	-0.41	0.69	2008.34	4.94	0.15	5	46	C
S1-5	12.66	0.17	12.76	0.33	-0.89	0.95	2008.08	5.36	0.05	3	58	C
S1-10	14.67	0.04	14.81	-1.11	-0.02	1.11	2008.21	4.29	0.35	6	22	C
S1-6	15.35	0.02	15.33	-0.96	0.74	1.21	2007.87	5.06	1.35	4	23	C
S1-34 <sup>d</sup>	13.12	0.14	13.20	0.87	-0.99	1.32	2008.31	0.77	0.36	3	51	C
S1-13	14.03	0.08	14.07	-1.14	-0.96	1.49	2008.16	5.31	...	2	17	C
S1-15	14.00	0.08	14.04	-1.36	0.50	1.44	2008.76	4.41	0.29	6	46	C
S1-39	15.29	0.20	15.31	-0.54	-1.38	1.48	2008.10	5.86	0.70	7	22	S
S1-17	12.34	0.17	12.35	0.48	-1.51	1.59	2007.90	6.04	0.53	3	74	S
S1-44	15.44	0.12	15.37	0.32	1.62	1.65	2007.49	6.20	1.97	5	20	N
S1-20	12.68	0.09	12.60	0.44	1.61	1.66	2007.77	6.93	0.44	5	61	N
S1-23	11.70	0.13	11.68	-0.91	-1.49	1.74	2007.97	5.30	0.19	10	73	S
S1-25	13.34	0.06	13.41	1.67	-0.61	1.78	2008.39	5.54	0.23	3	38	C
S1-66	15.33	0.23	15.30	-0.81	-1.75	1.93	2007.99	2.02	0.38	10	7	S
S1-68	13.30	0.08	13.34	1.84	-0.64	1.95	2007.72	4.80	1.00	4	31	E
S2-12	15.10	0.01	15.14	1.65	1.15	2.01	2008.28	5.35	1.78	5	18	NE
S2-34 <sup>d</sup>	15.32	0.02	15.39	1.84	1.00	2.09	2008.78	4.43	2.72	5	16	NE
S2-11	11.89	0.09	11.94	1.97	-0.61	2.06	2008.07	1.93	0.24	8	92	E
IRS29S	11.22	0.03	11.07	-1.84	0.96	2.08	2007.93	5.25	0.25	9	62	W
S2-3	14.16	0.15	14.16	-1.53	-1.41	2.08	2008.75	3.98	0.32	9	58	S
S2-2	13.98	0.02	13.85	-0.53	2.08	2.15	2007.71	3.41	0.70	5	34	N
S2-8	12.09	0.03	11.99	-1.96	0.88	2.15	2007.81	4.57	0.71	9	52	W
S2-134	15.43	0.06	15.41	-0.99	-2.00	2.23	2008.50	1.42	2.33	10	12	S
S2-49	15.32	0.15	15.29	-0.81	-2.12	2.27	2008.41	2.62	0.54	10	18	S
S2-47	14.16	0.04	14.23	2.20	-0.52	2.26	2008.26	4.21	0.30	10	45	E
S2-18	13.07	0.08	13.04	-1.00	-2.14	2.36	2007.95	5.10	0.37	10	56	S
S2-55 <sup>d</sup>	15.21	0.06	15.14	0.90	-2.19	2.37	2008.71	1.19	0.99	11	24	SE
S2-23	14.56	0.10	14.66	1.65	1.75	2.40	2008.18	2.87	0.31	4	34	NE
S2-57	14.23	0.11	14.19	-1.17	-2.09	2.40	2008.32	4.17	0.45	10	43	S
S2-59 <sup>d</sup>	15.38	0.13	15.32	0.81	-2.33	2.47	2008.47	5.89	1.60	10	26	SE
S2-24	13.61	0.06	13.57	-2.33	-0.89	2.50	2007.88	4.10	2.11	4	18	SW
S2-61 <sup>d</sup>	15.36	0.07	15.39	2.37	-0.66	2.46	2008.00	3.24	1.09	10	16	E
S2-198	15.52	0.12	15.45	0.41	-2.48	2.52	2008.32	2.91	...	1	5	S2-1
S2-26	13.94	0.12	13.85	0.78	2.35	2.47	2007.61	5.30	0.81	5	40	N
S2-62	15.07	0.10	15.02	-1.04	-2.32	2.54	2008.67	3.31	0.60	10	30	S
S2-25	13.78	0.11	13.72	0.75	-2.43	2.54	2008.21	4.91	0.49	8	89	SE
S2-66	15.67	0.32	15.30	-1.45	2.15	2.59	2007.51	6.23	1.73	5	17	NW
S2-67	13.43	0.06	13.36	-2.48	-0.87	2.63	2007.77	6.84	0.82	4	28	SW
S2-70	14.30	0.06	14.23	-2.66	0.40	2.69	2007.79	4.07	1.04	11	23	W
S2-71	15.19	0.12	15.16	-0.89	-2.52	2.67	2008.56	2.74	0.89	10	40	S
S2-72	14.77	0.04	14.72	-1.48	-2.25	2.70	2008.16	5.47	0.58	10	32	S
S2-73	14.99	0.09	14.86	2.13	-1.66	2.70	2008.31	4.60	0.89	11	47	SE
S2-75	14.41	0.03	14.40	2.64	-0.86	2.77	2008.44	3.55	0.62	10	39	E
S2-77 <sup>d</sup>	13.38	0.24	13.33	-1.76	-2.21	2.83	2008.71	1.69	0.34	8	67	S
S2-31	12.93	0.03	13.00	2.77	-0.19	2.78	2008.19	4.91	0.32	10	68	E
S2-78	13.45	0.03	13.38	-2.81	-0.28	2.83	2008.25	4.52	0.74	3	34	SW
S2-81	15.41	0.04	15.35	1.98	-2.04	2.85	2008.61	3.10	0.54	11	22	SE
S2-308	15.38	0.08	15.45	-0.65	-2.85	2.93	2008.32	3.01	1.31	4	19	S
S2-85	12.31	0.17	12.20	-1.28	2.68	2.97	2007.95	5.05	0.16	5	56	NW
S3-16	15.13	...	15.15	2.98	-0.95	3.12	2008.36	3.73	0.65	10	23	E
S3-20	14.44	0.06	14.38	1.58	-2.79	3.21	2007.92	2.30	0.76	11	37	SE
S3-6	12.73	0.01	12.83	3.23	-0.04	3.23	2008.36	5.22	0.36	10	77	E
S3-22	11.06	0.10	11.17	-0.35	-3.21	3.23	2007.99	5.96	0.18	6	46	S2-1
S3-7 <sup>d</sup>	13.56	0.01	13.49	1.92	-2.61	3.24	2007.68	...	...	11	76	SE
S3-109	15.41	0.03	15.16	-3.20	0.42	3.23	2007.83	4.51	3.18	11	18	W
S3-149	13.20	0.10	12.90	-2.91	1.69	3.37	2007.99	4.52	0.13	3	23	NW
S3-29	13.57	0.06	13.48	1.43	-3.08	3.39	2008.04	4.54	...	2	18	S2-1
S3-32	15.25	0.07	15.23	2.88	-1.76	3.38	2008.38	4.58	0.85	9	36	SE
S3-8	13.82	0.05	13.92	3.41	-0.50	3.45	2008.25	3.82	0.73	10	55	E
S3-178	12.97	0.13	13.13	-0.50	-3.40	3.44	2007.68	5.97	0.42	6	43	S2-1
S3-34	13.83	0.05	13.93	3.24	-1.25	3.47	2008.25	1.10	3.05	9	25	E
S3-187	14.32	...	14.16	-3.40	-0.74	3.48	2008.31	4.86	1.89	4	13	SW

**Table 2**  
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Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$	R.A. Offset ( $''$ )	Decl. Offset ( $''$ )	$R$ ( $''$ )	Epoch	Na ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Na}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$N_{\text{obs}}^b$	S/N <sup>c</sup>	Field
S3-11	14.93	0.01	14.92	2.96	-1.91	3.52	2007.99	6.22	0.72	4	35	SE
S3-36	14.61	0.04	14.80	3.47	-0.81	3.56	2008.41	4.89	0.40	9	48	E
S3-249	14.44	0.14	14.29	-3.38	1.30	3.62	2008.55	4.91	0.71	11	32	W
S3-37	14.99	0.02	15.12	3.41	1.36	3.67	2008.49	4.68	0.45	5	17	NE
S3-262	15.08	0.01	14.93	-2.34	2.82	3.67	2008.22	3.89	0.58	6	26	NW
S3-38	14.89	0.01	15.08	3.70	-0.10	3.71	2007.37	5.01	0.21	3	18	E2-2
S3-39	13.51	...	13.67	3.56	1.09	3.73	2008.08	5.19	1.28	3	32	NE
S3-284	13.65	0.08	13.46	-2.57	2.71	3.74	2008.05	5.57	0.36	6	53	NW
S3-286	15.31	0.04	15.45	3.41	-1.52	3.74	2008.62	2.15	2.72	4	18	E2-2
S3-288	14.07	0.12	13.87	-2.77	2.54	3.75	2007.42	5.69	0.25	6	44	NW
S3-291	12.07	0.02	11.92	-3.54	-1.26	3.75	2007.88	5.69	0.43	4	46	SW
S3-13	13.53	0.06	13.70	3.84	0.97	3.96	2008.41	3.08	...	1	7	E2-1
S3-370	13.59	0.09	13.77	-0.29	-3.92	3.93	2008.18	5.52	0.08	6	27	S2-1
S3-385	15.22	0.07	15.40	3.68	-1.48	3.97	2007.75	2.89	1.11	6	22	E
S4-1	13.27	0.02	13.47	4.01	-0.36	4.03	2008.42	3.96	0.14	9	82	E
S4-2	12.66	0.06	12.80	3.76	1.66	4.11	2007.90	5.30	0.29	3	49	NE
S4-46	14.72	0.04	14.93	3.85	-1.48	4.12	2007.96	1.01	2.21	6	22	E2-2
S4-3	12.88	0.03	13.08	4.21	0.12	4.22	2008.35	4.55	0.96	3	31	E2-1
S4-112	13.92	0.09	13.80	2.24	-3.61	4.25	2008.16	4.93	0.61	6	27	S2-1
S4-6	12.75	0.05	12.68	3.28	-2.74	4.27	2008.14	5.19	0.19	6	48	E2-3
S4-129	12.11	0.07	12.25	3.69	-2.23	4.31	2007.94	6.73	0.30	4	40	E2-2
S4-4	11.87	0.07	11.99	3.60	-2.43	4.34	2007.95	4.16	0.28	4	49	E2-3
S4-139	14.44	0.06	14.31	2.41	-3.61	4.34	2008.25	3.65	0.78	3	23	S2-1
S4-143	13.45	0.04	13.37	2.90	-3.25	4.36	2007.99	5.22	0.34	4	36	E2-3
S4-161	13.63	0.03	13.83	4.41	-0.26	4.42	2008.24	5.83	0.17	6	30	E2-2
S4-172	15.38	0.18	15.30	3.11	-3.16	4.44	2008.12	4.85	0.68	6	34	E2-3
S4-221	14.17	0.03	14.06	2.68	-3.75	4.61	2008.02	4.09	0.54	4	29	E2-3
S4-277	15.10	0.04	15.30	4.75	0.21	4.76	2008.75	4.89	4.33	4	9	E2-1
S4-312	15.27	0.04	15.47	4.60	-1.54	4.85	2009.04	2.94	0.82	6	29	E2-2
S4-315	15.00	0.07	15.19	4.81	0.85	4.88	2008.52	1.64	0.67	6	9	E2-1
S4-319	14.06	0.06	14.26	4.68	-1.38	4.88	2008.41	4.46	0.33	6	37	E2-2
S5-43	14.24	0.06	14.24	1.84	-4.79	5.13	2008.49	3.81	1.01	6	24	S2-1
S5-83	14.55	0.07	14.75	5.21	-0.94	5.29	2008.90	4.88	0.97	6	36	E2-2
S5-99	14.79	0.03	14.96	4.60	-2.74	5.36	2008.47	5.64	0.86	4	25	E2-3
S5-131	15.26	0.06	15.41	4.87	-2.55	5.50	2009.31	6.42	0.79	3	14	E2-3
S5-165	15.31	0.02	15.48	4.88	-2.86	5.66	2009.03	2.87	2.16	4	30	E2-3
S5-178	15.25	0.03	15.42	4.85	-3.03	5.72	2009.28	2.61	1.17	6	22	E2-3
S5-211	13.21	0.02	13.43	4.46	-3.91	5.93	2008.44	1.51	0.30	6	45	E2-3
S5-212	15.30	0.07	15.49	4.03	-4.39	5.96	2009.52	1.46	1.70	6	22	E2-3
S5-213	12.70	0.04	12.85	4.98	-3.26	5.95	2007.91	4.78	0.41	6	51	E2-3
S6-22	15.06	0.04	15.22	4.91	-3.67	6.13	2008.70	3.47	1.44	6	11	E2-3
S6-27	12.24	0.04	12.43	4.08	-4.68	6.21	2008.15	4.88	0.87	6	54	E2-3
S6-76	13.41	0.01	13.58	5.18	-4.52	6.88	2008.26	5.46	0.21	6	33	E2-3
S6-77	14.11	0.06	14.32	5.05	-4.75	6.93	2008.82	1.84	0.45	6	48	E2-3
S6-80	15.28	0.06	15.48	5.01	-4.86	6.98	2008.52	5.75	1.71	5	24	E2-3
S6-83	10.58	0.03	10.63	6.91	0.90	6.97	2008.03	3.68	1.75	6	67	E2-1
S6-84	10.79	0.13	10.78	6.97	-0.20	6.97	2008.15	4.89	0.41	3	62	E3-1
S6-85	12.18	0.12	12.19	6.23	-1.44	6.39	2007.89	4.89	0.50	6	46	E2-2
S6-86	12.46	0.03	12.38	5.76	2.19	6.17	2008.02	2.70	0.74	4	40	E2-1
S7-8	10.47	0.03	10.50	7.05	1.86	7.29	2007.98	5.40	0.14	3	46	E2-1
S11-1	11.94	0.08	12.04	11.32	-0.46	11.33	2008.49	5.59	0.08	6	62	E4-1
S11-2	12.79	0.07	12.91	11.66	-2.09	11.85	2008.01	5.58	0.39	3	39	E4-2
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S12-3	11.09	0.07	11.20	12.11	-0.98	12.15	2008.16	5.17	0.49	6	57	E4-1
IRS28	9.56	0.15	9.26	10.48	-5.84	12.00	2008.37	5.08	0.36	7	43	E4-3
IRS1SE	10.45	0.11	10.51	7.52	-0.43	7.53	2007.95	5.91	0.06	6	45	E3-1
IRS1NE	10.95	0.04	11.09	7.67	1.57	7.83	2007.92	7.44	0.59	3	35	E3-1
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S7-23	13.51	0.03	13.58	6.49	-4.41	7.84	2008.08	4.32	1.00	6	40	E3-3
S10-18	13.37	0.04	13.39	9.29	-3.75	10.02	2008.23	4.32	...	1	23	E3-2
S7-24	13.47	0.10	13.57	6.25	-3.94	7.38	2008.19	3.86	0.48	6	33	E3-3
S10-20	13.53	0.03	13.78	10.34	-0.26	10.34	2008.16	3.82	0.07	4	39	E4-1
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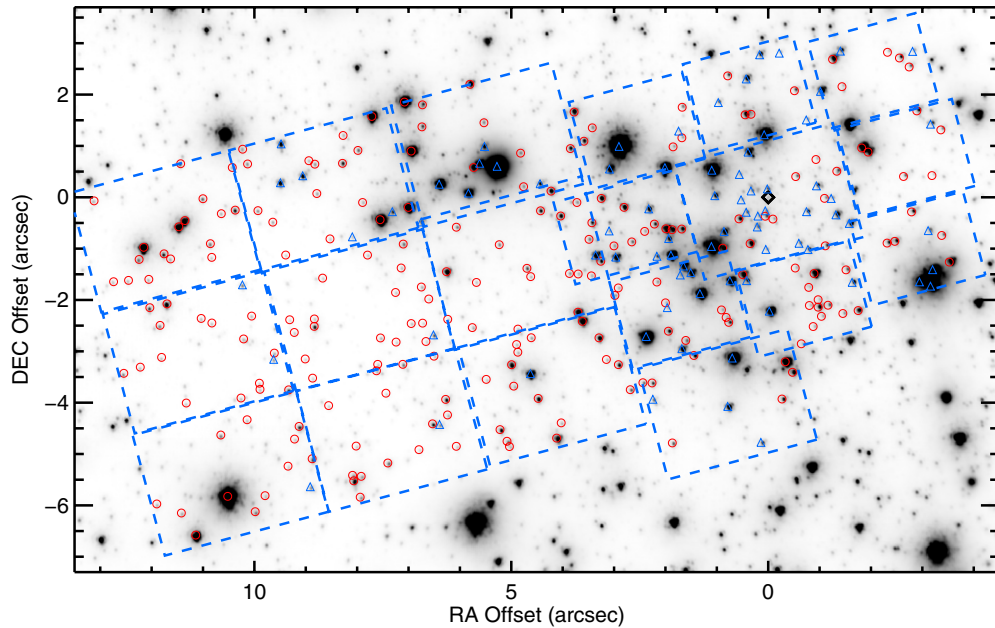


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S8-21	13.60	0.05	13.81	8.25	0.67	8.28	2008.31	4.63	0.29	6	39	E3-1
S11-26	13.71	0.04	13.83	11.72	-1.11	11.77	2008.12	3.77	0.96	6	19	E4-1
S10-23	13.73	0.08	13.77	9.09	-4.47	10.13	2008.49	5.23	0.19	3	44	E4-3
S6-104	13.94	0.04	13.96	6.69	1.80	6.92	2007.80	2.02	0.63	4	32	E2-1
S12-19	13.91	0.05	14.02	12.00	-2.16	12.19	2008.33	3.92	0.88	3	41	E4-2
S6-106	13.96	0.04	13.99	6.70	1.38	6.84	2008.19	2.95	0.48	6	25	E2-1
S9-34	13.99	0.12	13.90	7.37	-5.17	9.00	2008.20	2.79	0.23	6	49	E3-3
S11-32	14.08	0.07	14.27	11.39	0.64	11.40	2008.46	3.95	...	1	19	E4-1
S10-29	14.21	0.05	14.33	10.96	-0.03	10.96	2008.32	3.98	0.22	6	45	E4-1
S8-36	14.25	0.03	14.42	7.95	0.92	8.01	2008.31	4.61	0.19	6	21	E3-1
S11-35	14.50	0.02	14.21	9.94	-6.13	11.68	2008.54	6.50	0.82	5	19	E4-3
S7-34	14.14	0.13	14.13	7.08	-3.26	7.79	2007.96	3.26	0.48	3	32	E3-3
S11-36	14.40	0.05	14.50	10.62	-4.63	11.58	2007.89	5.74	0.39	7	30	E4-3
S10-31	14.33	0.04	14.41	10.82	-0.91	10.85	2008.48	4.92	1.56	6	28	E4-1
S12-29	14.47	0.08	14.58	12.20	-1.21	12.26	2008.29	4.13	1.65	6	21	E4-1
S7-35	14.33	0.12	14.26	7.06	-0.91	7.12	2008.43	4.97	0.91	4	33	E3-2
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S6-112	14.30	0.09	14.37	6.02	-0.59	6.05	2008.42	5.53	0.83	4	32	E2-2
S12-31	14.56	0.07	14.46	12.50	-3.43	12.97	2008.11	3.22	1.01	4	25	E4-2
S12-32	14.45	0.06	14.56	11.80	-2.50	12.06	2007.85	4.59	0.72	6	55	E4-2
S9-45	14.58	0.09	14.49	7.88	-5.43	9.57	2008.39	2.85	1.88	6	30	E3-3
S9-46	14.51	0.08	14.43	8.06	-5.41	9.70	2008.19	5.51	0.09	6	26	E3-3
S9-47	14.48	0.03	14.73	9.89	-0.26	9.89	2007.91	6.39	1.41	6	29	E3-1
S5-243	14.63	0.06	14.65	5.52	1.45	5.70	2007.60	2.61	1.37	6	23	E2-1
S10-41	14.70	0.04	14.95	10.09	0.65	10.11	2008.39	3.64	0.55	6	37	E3-1
S8-47	14.71	0.07	14.97	8.79	0.65	8.81	2007.90	2.68	0.65	6	38	E3-1
S6-122	14.84	0.13	14.75	6.71	-1.74	6.93	2008.08	4.28	2.77	4	31	E3-2
S13-32	15.06	0.06	14.98	11.86	-5.97	13.28	2007.80	3.61	1.27	4	22	E4-3
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S10-54	15.03	0.04	15.29	10.39	0.59	10.40	2008.70	5.65	...	2	15	E3-1
S11-49	15.39	0.04	15.24	9.75	-5.82	11.35	2007.70	2.20	1.71	6	15	E4-3
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S10-59	15.04	0.05	15.02	10.01	-2.31	10.27	2007.53	5.57	0.86	6	22	E4-2
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S8-63	14.95	0.14	14.97	7.59	-3.37	8.30	2008.86	2.26	0.37	3	20	E3-3
S12-47	15.12	0.06	15.24	12.02	-1.60	12.12	2007.94	5.50	1.50	6	17	E4-1
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S12-48	15.29	0.10	15.40	12.40	-1.63	12.51	2008.11	4.96	1.62	6	15	E4-1
S10-65	15.40	0.06	15.40	9.31	-5.24	10.68	2007.54	3.25	1.19	7	19	E4-3
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S7-53	15.11	0.13	15.00	6.91	-2.45	7.33	2007.95	6.26	0.77	6	20	E3-2
S8-65	15.20	0.07	15.46	8.90	0.71	8.93	2008.59	2.23	1.39	6	18	E3-1
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S8-76	15.47	0.13	15.48	7.40	-3.82	8.32	2007.83	3.66	1.07	6	24	E3-3
S9-83	15.29	0.10	15.22	7.98	-4.85	9.34	2007.88	5.41	0.95	6	21	E3-3

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Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta\lambda}$	R.A. Offset ( $''$ )	Decl. Offset ( $''$ )	$R$ ( $''$ )	Epoch	Na ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Na}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$N_{\text{obs}}^b$	S/N <sup>c</sup>	Field
S9-87	15.33	0.14	15.33	8.79	-2.37	9.11	2008.87	3.48	1.56	6	25	E3-2
S9-88	15.39	0.13	15.41	8.52	-4.06	9.44	2008.07	6.05	1.13	6	25	E3-3
S6-148	15.45	0.12	15.37	6.20	-2.38	6.64	2007.61	5.07	0.92	3	13	E2-2
S9-93	15.45	0.12	15.47	8.82	-3.54	9.50	2009.00	4.67	...	2	18	E3-2
S9-95	15.41	0.15	15.41	8.97	-3.15	9.51	2007.66	3.20	0.73	6	23	E3-2
S6-152	15.52	0.13	15.42	6.57	-1.97	6.86	2008.33	3.96	0.88	3	16	E3-2
S7-83	15.38	0.11	15.33	7.20	-2.81	7.73	2008.30	3.72	0.87	6	32	E3-2
S9-97	15.45	0.05	15.44	9.27	-2.39	9.57	2008.60	4.16	1.06	6	16	E3-2
S7-85	15.45	0.12	15.41	6.61	-2.81	7.19	2007.84	5.92	1.47	3	21	E3-2
S7-88	15.60	0.12	15.50	6.69	-2.44	7.12	2007.79	3.80	3.01	4	14	E3-2
S11-74	15.14	0.06	15.25	11.00	-2.37	11.25	2008.42	3.68	0.42	6	20	E4-2
S10-93	15.06	0.03	15.07	10.18	-2.75	10.54	2008.36	6.28	0.38	6	18	E4-2
S10-94	15.38	0.03	15.45	9.86	-3.62	10.50	2008.06	2.58	3.03	6	12	E4-2
S13-57	15.22	0.13	15.37	13.08	-0.06	13.08	2008.77	3.08	2.35	3	26	E4-1
S12-62	15.22	0.08	15.19	12.18	-3.31	12.63	2008.13	2.68	0.46	6	21	E4-2
S8-110	15.41	0.21	15.48	8.63	-1.58	8.77	2008.57	3.71	0.33	6	36	E3-2
S9-102	15.42	0.05	15.49	9.33	-1.13	9.40	2008.69	2.64	...	2	18	E3-2
S10-96	15.23	0.04	15.34	10.10	-4.33	10.97	2008.14	3.73	1.58	6	21	E4-3
S10-97	15.20	0.05	15.31	10.22	-3.91	10.92	2007.48	3.25	2.15	5	17	E4-2
S10-98	15.21	0.06	15.29	9.85	-3.74	10.53	2007.28	3.92	2.48	5	17	E4-2
S8-121	15.45	0.08	15.46	6.76	-4.92	8.33	2007.23	2.95	0.92	6	21	E3-3
S12-71	15.10	0.14	14.99	11.38	-6.15	12.90	2007.34	4.64	2.90	6	17	E4-3
S12-75	15.36	0.07	15.45	12.71	-1.64	12.79	2008.31	3.34	1.99	6	21	E4-1
S10-102	15.32	0.04	15.42	10.79	-1.17	10.85	2008.26	2.85	0.99	6	14	E4-1

**Notes.**<sup>a</sup> Corrected for differential extinction to an  $A_{K_s} = 2.7$  from Schödel et al. (2010).<sup>b</sup> Each observation has an integration time of 900 s.<sup>c</sup> Signal-to-noise ratio per pixel calculated between 2.212 and 2.218  $\mu\text{m}$ .<sup>d</sup> Identified as early-type in Do et al. (2009a), but now as late-type. See Appendix A for more details.**Figure 3.** Spectral identification of old (red circles) and young (blue triangles) stars on an LGS AO image of the region. The dashed lines are the outlines of each OSIRIS pointing, with the field name in each corner. The diamond marks the location of Sgr A\*. This is the sample of manually spectral-typed sources.

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classifications, which has previously not been incorporated into analyses of luminosity functions and radial density profiles. In the following section, we develop a new approach to completeness correction that utilizes the spectra of untyped sources, along

with extensive star-planting simulations, to assign each untyped source a probability of being either early-type or late-type. In essence, we compare two hypotheses: (1) the star is late-type ( $H_L$ ) or (2) the star is early-type ( $H_E$ ). The goal is to compare the

**Table 3**  
OSIRIS Observations of Early-type Stars

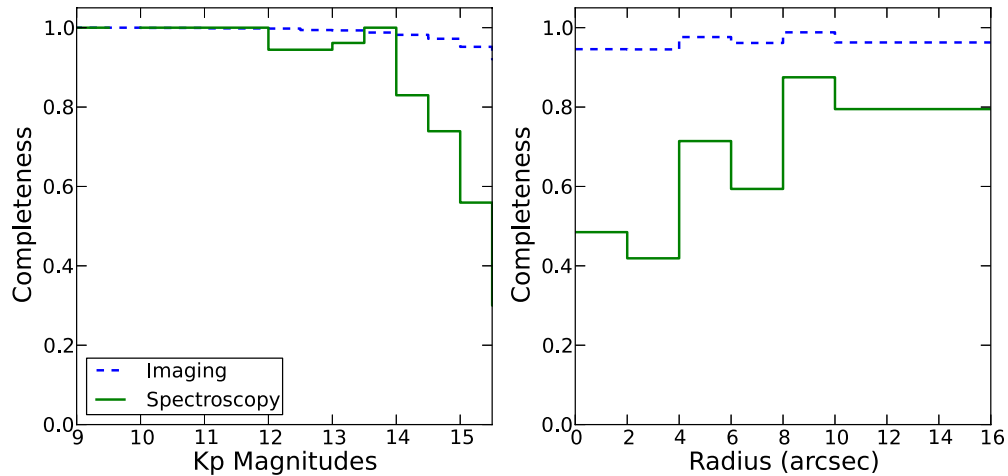
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S0-2	14.13	0.07	14.39	-0.01	0.17	0.17	2007.89	3.79	0.29	24	74	C
S0-1	14.74	0.07	14.96	0.04	-0.26	0.26	2006.30	1.13	0.51	7	31	C
S0-3	14.54	0.03	14.82	0.34	0.12	0.36	2008.39	2.37	0.48	7	26	C
S0-5	15.06	0.12	15.27	0.18	-0.37	0.41	2007.99	7.80	1.10	9	15	C
S0-11	15.13	0.04	15.41	0.50	-0.06	0.51	2008.08	10.20	7.60	9	21	C
S0-4	14.31	0.14	14.51	0.42	-0.31	0.52	2007.62	3.10	3.00	9	37	C
S0-9	14.25	0.08	14.42	0.21	-0.59	0.62	2008.03	5.40	2.00	7	38	C
S0-31	15.09	0.10	15.31	0.55	0.45	0.71	2007.97	6.01	1.54	6	22	C
S0-14	13.72	0.14	13.88	-0.76	-0.28	0.81	2008.24	4.52	0.19	4	47	C
S1-3	12.09	0.05	12.22	0.36	0.88	0.95	2007.36	1.31	0.22	3	90	C
S0-15	13.60	0.09	13.69	-0.96	0.21	0.98	2007.77	1.38	0.16	7	50	C
S1-2	14.83	0.17	14.88	0.05	-1.02	1.02	2007.90	3.29	1.13	3	25	C
S1-1	13.07	0.03	13.22	1.03	0.03	1.03	2007.79	...	...	5	57	C
S1-4	12.55	0.12	12.67	0.86	-0.66	1.08	2007.63	...	...	5	52	C
S1-8	14.22	0.13	14.29	-0.61	-0.90	1.09	2007.37	2.68	0.25	4	28	C
S1-33	14.92	0.04	15.05	-1.24	-0.01	1.25	2008.07	4.82	0.24	4	13	C
S1-12	13.57	0.15	13.63	-0.78	-1.02	1.28	2007.72	2.15	0.86	3	20	C
S1-14	12.73	0.06	12.88	-1.33	-0.36	1.38	2008.16	1.22	0.20	2	31	C
S1-22	12.57	0.05	12.65	-1.59	-0.51	1.67	2007.80	...	...	3	61	C
S1-19	13.62	0.11	13.58	0.42	-1.63	1.68	2008.11	7.00	1.00	4	38	S
S1-18	14.84	0.06	14.75	-0.78	1.51	1.69	2008.47	1.81	1.00	2	24	N
S1-24	11.49	0.12	11.47	0.73	-1.64	1.79	2007.87	2.84	...	1	74	SE
S2-7	14.21	0.13	14.11	0.94	1.85	2.07	2008.01	...	...	5	46	N
IRS16CC	10.68	0.07	10.75	1.99	0.59	2.07	2007.92	...	...	...	...	NE
S2-5	13.29	0.09	13.32	1.93	-0.79	2.09	2008.23	...	...	7	58	E
S2-4	12.09	0.12	12.09	1.50	-1.46	2.10	2008.27	1.94	0.19	11	149	SE
S2-6	12.04	0.14	12.02	1.64	-1.34	2.12	2007.92	2.04	0.16	7	103	SE
S2-40	15.37	0.04	15.42	1.73	1.28	2.15	2008.16	...	...	5	16	NE
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S2-17	10.74	0.08	10.64	1.32	-1.88	2.30	2007.92	3.19	0.07	11	125	SE
S2-22	12.86	0.01	12.92	2.30	-0.22	2.31	2007.97	...	...	10	96	E
S2-21	13.36	0.09	13.34	-1.64	-1.66	2.33	2008.06	1.20	0.70	8	73	S
S2-19	12.60	0.04	12.50	0.40	2.31	2.34	2007.83	...	...	5	60	N
S2-58	14.08	0.10	14.07	2.15	-1.14	2.43	2008.26	4.70	3.00	7	41	E
S2-74	13.16	0.03	13.07	0.14	2.78	2.78	2007.64	...	...	5	60	N
S2-76	15.07	0.06	14.99	-0.23	2.81	2.82	2008.41	1.18	1.00	5	28	N
S2-29	15.32	0.06	15.25	1.95	-2.15	2.90	2008.09	...	...	11	19	SE
S3-2	12.02	0.04	12.13	3.08	0.55	3.12	2007.84	0.49	0.04	3	47	NE
S3-3	15.09	0.08	15.15	3.08	-0.65	3.15	2007.72	1.90	2.00	10	21	E
S3-17	13.55	0.06	13.46	-1.41	2.85	3.18	2007.84	...	...	6	87	NW
S3-96	14.31	0.07	14.21	-3.13	-0.64	3.20	2007.27	...	...	4	29	SW
S3-30	12.39	0.06	12.30	1.66	-2.94	3.38	2007.90	1.63	0.44	8	56	SE
IRS13E1	10.62	0.03	10.60	-2.97	-1.65	3.40	2007.80	3.98	0.31	4	113	SW
S3-190	13.96	0.13	13.72	-3.18	1.42	3.49	2008.00	1.20	1.10	11	55	W
S3-10	12.10	0.03	12.21	3.34	-1.12	3.52	2008.17	...	...	10	81	E
S3-12	11.37	0.37	11.28	2.37	-2.73	3.61	2003.37	...	...	11	114	SE
S4-12	14.67	0.27	14.57	-2.84	2.84	4.02	2008.08	...	...	6	50	NW
S4-71	12.34	0.09	12.28	0.77	-4.08	4.15	2008.06	...	...	6	47	S2-1
S4-169	13.49	0.02	13.70	4.42	0.27	4.43	2008.06	5.72	1.54	3	30	E2-1
S4-196	14.37	0.05	14.24	2.24	-3.93	4.52	2008.65	...	...	6	32	S2-1
S4-287	13.68	0.02	13.82	0.13	-4.77	4.77	2008.21	1.21	0.86	5	42	S2-1
IRS1W	10.93	0.38	11.09	5.26	0.61	5.29	2007.79	1.47	0.30	6	69	E2-1
S5-237	13.21	0.10	13.33	5.50	1.00	5.59	2007.78	1.72	0.89	6	26	E2-1
S5-233	12.32	0.03	12.46	5.60	0.67	5.64	2008.14	...	...	6	31	E2-1
S5-183	11.56	0.03	11.75	4.60	-3.44	5.74	2008.18	2.49	0.32	6	57	E2-3
S5-231	11.99	0.05	12.10	5.81	0.09	5.82	2007.93	...	...	6	57	E2-1
S6-81	11.02	0.06	11.05	6.36	0.26	6.37	2007.68	4.02	0.41	6	111	E2-1
S7-30	13.88	0.12	13.83	6.47	-2.69	7.01	2007.87	3.57	0.87	3	37	E3-2
S7-31	13.98	0.09	13.98	7.27	-0.29	7.28	2008.18	...	...	4	49	E3-1
S7-36	14.38	0.10	14.46	6.36	-4.42	7.75	2008.49	0.82	0.48	6	38	E3-3
S8-70	15.33	0.16	15.43	8.05	-0.78	8.09	2008.95	2.98	...	2	16	E3-1
S9-15	12.97	0.07	13.23	9.02	0.42	9.04	2007.72	...	...	6	62	E3-1

**Table 3**  
(Continued)

Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$ <sup>a</sup>	R.A. Offset ( $''$ )	Decl. Offset ( $''$ )	$R$ ( $''$ )	Epoch	Br $\gamma$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Br}\gamma}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$N_{\text{obs}}$ <sup>b</sup>	S/N <sup>c</sup>	Field
S9-11	12.72	0.03	12.98	9.44	1.04	9.50	2008.07	...	...	6	82	E3-1
S10-50	14.74	0.03	14.76	9.59	-3.17	10.10	2008.50	2.22	0.72	4	31	E4-2
S10-32	14.36	0.08	14.35	10.20	-1.70	10.34	2007.66	2.35	1.28	5	58	E4-2
S10-34	14.46	0.09	14.36	8.88	-5.63	10.51	2008.14	1.02	1.62	4	25	E4-3

**Notes.**<sup>a</sup> Corrected for differential extinction to an  $A_{K_s} = 2.7$  from Schödel et al. (2010).<sup>b</sup> Each observation has an integration time of 900 s.<sup>c</sup> Signal-to-noise ratio per pixel calculated between 2.212 and 2.218  $\mu\text{m}$ .**Table 4**  
Wolf-Rayet Stars in the GCOWS Field

Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$ <sup>a</sup>	R.A. Offset ( $''$ )	Decl. Offset ( $''$ )	$R$ ( $''$ )	Epoch	Field
IRS16C	9.94	0.02	10.10	1.07	0.54	1.19	2007.78	C
IRS16NW	10.13	0.03	10.14	0.07	1.22	1.22	2007.81	N
IRS16SW	10.08	0.08	10.15	1.10	-0.95	1.45	2007.87	C
IRS16SW-E	11.13	0.01	11.09	1.88	-1.12	2.19	2007.99	E
S2-16	11.99	0.07	11.69	-1.05	2.06	2.31	2007.80	NW
IRS16NE	9.14	0.05	9.27	2.89	0.98	3.05	2007.84	NE
S3-5	12.00	0.06	12.01	2.95	-1.16	3.17	2008.18	E
IRS33E	10.20	0.08	10.14	0.69	-3.13	3.21	2008.12	S2-1
IRS13E4	11.73	0.06	11.65	-3.23	-1.41	3.52	2008.01	SW
IRS13E2	10.69	0.04	10.62	-3.19	-1.73	3.63	2007.84	SW
S6-82	13.51	0.13	13.48	6.72	-0.47	6.73	2008.08	E2-2
S9-1	12.65	0.01	12.87	9.45	0.28	9.45	2008.47	E3-1

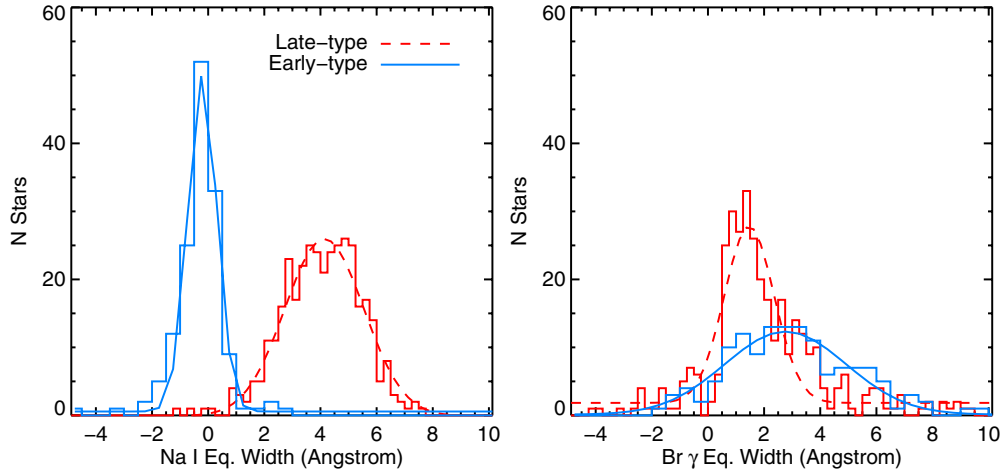
**Note.** <sup>a</sup> Corrected for differential extinction to an  $A_{K_s} = 2.7$  from Schödel et al. (2010).**Figure 4.** Completeness as a function of brightness (left) and distance from Sgr A\* (right). The spectroscopic completeness based on manual typing (solid green) relative to imaging. The imaging completeness based on star planting (dashed blue) is also shown. Completeness drops below 50% at  $K'_{\Delta A} = 15.5$ ; thus, we only analyze luminosity functions and radial profiles down to this magnitude limit.

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relative strengths of these two hypotheses and assign a probability for a given star to be early- or late-type. To accomplish this goal, the Bayesian evidence is computed for both hypotheses given the observations and our knowledge about the expected

spectral features of these sources (Section 4.3.1). The relative strength of the hypotheses is the ratio of the Bayesian evidence. To calibrate the Bayesian evidence and determine probabilities, we perform extensive star-planting simulations (Section 4.3.2)





**Figure 5.** Distributions of equivalent widths for the fainter ( $K' > 14$ ) sample of manually typed early-type (blue, solid) and late-type (red, dashed) stars, along with the best-fit Gaussian distribution for Na I (left) and Br  $\gamma$  (right). These distributions are used as priors for the Bayesian inference method of calculating the spectral type probabilities in Section 4.3.

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**Table 5**  
GCOWS Spectroscopic Completeness

Mag. Bin <sup>a</sup>	E2-1 <sup>b</sup>	E2-2	E2-3	E3-1	E3-2	E3-3	E4-1	E4-2	E4-3	S2-1
9.5–10.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10.0–10.5	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
10.5–11.0	1.00	...	...	1.00	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	...
11.0–11.5	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
11.5–12.0	...	...	1.00	...	...	...	1.00	...	...	...
12.0–12.5	1.00	1.00	1.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
12.5–13.0	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	...	1.00	...	1.00
13.0–13.5	1.00	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50
13.5–14.0	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
14.0–14.5	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.67	1.00	1.00	0.60
14.5–15.0	0.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.67	0.67
15.0–15.5	0.08	0.62	0.92	0.62	1.00	0.40	0.67	0.62	0.62	0.00
15.5–16.0	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.33	...	1.00	0.67	0.00

**Notes.**

<sup>a</sup> The observed  $K'$  magnitude bin (not extinction-corrected).

<sup>b</sup> The fraction of stars that have been manually spectral-typed out of all sources detected in NIRC2 imaging in the given magnitude bin.

and make use of two types of priors (Section 4.3.3). The results of these analyses are provided in Table 7.

#### 4.3.1. Bayesian Evidence

First, we consider the Bayesian evidence, which is the likelihood of obtaining observed data,  $x$ , given a specific hypothesis,  $H$ , marginalized over all possible model parameters,  $\theta$ :

$$P(x|H) = \int P(x|\theta, H)P(\theta|H)d\theta. \quad (1)$$

$P(x|\theta, H)$  is the likelihood of observing  $x$  for a specific model parameter  $\theta$ , and  $P(\theta|H)$  incorporates prior information about the distribution of model parameters. In our case, the Bayesian evidence for the two hypotheses are

$$P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|H_E) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, \text{Br}, H_E) \times P(\text{Na}, \text{Br}|H_E) d\text{Na} d\text{Br}, \quad (2)$$

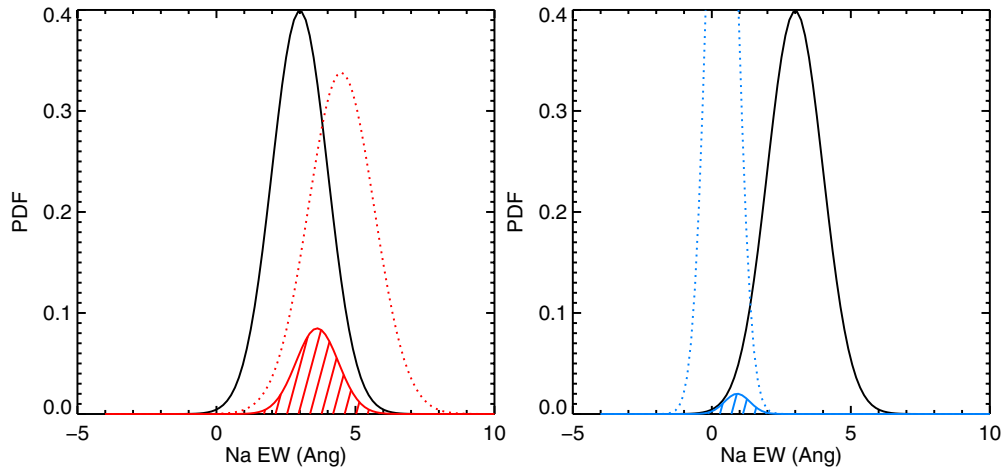
$$P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|H_L) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, \text{Br}, H_L) \times P(\text{Na}, \text{Br}|H_L) d\text{Na} d\text{Br}, \quad (3)$$

where  $\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}$  and  $\text{Br}_{\text{obs}}$  are the Na I and Br  $\gamma$  equivalent width measurements for that star. The likelihood functions (e.g.,  $P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, \text{Br}, H_E)$ ) are assumed to be the product of two independent probability distributions, one for Na I and one for Br  $\gamma$ :

$$P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, \text{Br}, H_E) = P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, H_E) \times P(\text{Br}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Br}, H_E). \quad (4)$$

Each of these terms is modeled as a Gaussian with the observed value as the mean and the error in the observed value as  $\sigma_{\text{obs}}$ . For example, the likelihood for measuring Na EW is

$$P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}|\text{Na}, H_E) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\text{Na} - \text{Na}_{\text{obs}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}}^2}\right]. \quad (5)$$



**Figure 6.** Example of calculating the evidence for a late-type star compared to an early-type star. The solid line in the two plots is the measured Na I equivalent width for this star, modeled as a Gaussian with a mean of  $3.0 \text{ \AA}$ , and  $\sigma = 1.0 \text{ \AA}$  (this is the likelihood for observing the Na I equivalent width). The priors for both the late-type (dotted red line) and early-type (dotted blue line) stars are also shown. The evidence for the hypothesis that the star is late-type or early-type is the integral of the product of the likelihood and the prior. The evidence is the area shown in hashed red and blue, respectively. The Bayes factor is then the relative area of the two distributions. For this example, as expected, the evidence is quite strong that the star is late-type, with  $\ln(\text{BF}) \approx 2$ .

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**Table 6**  
Observed Distribution of Spectral Line Widths for  $K' > 14$

SpT	Na EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Na}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Br $\gamma$ EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sigma_{\text{Br}\gamma}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Late-type	3.7	1.3	1.9	1.2
Early-type	-0.2	0.6	3.3	1.8

The likelihood functions in this case are not dependent on whether the star is early-type or late-type, since it is only a function of our measurements. The priors on the distributions of Na and Br, however, are dependent on the hypothesis. They are also factored into two independent terms:

$$P(\text{Na}, \text{Br} | H_L) = P(\text{Na} | H_L) P(\text{Br} | H_L), \quad (6)$$

$$P(\text{Na}, \text{Br} | H_E) = P(\text{Na} | H_E) P(\text{Br} | H_E). \quad (7)$$

These priors are modeled as Gaussian distributions based on the equivalent width measurements of stars with manually determined spectral types described in Section 4.1 (Table 6, Figure 5). For example,

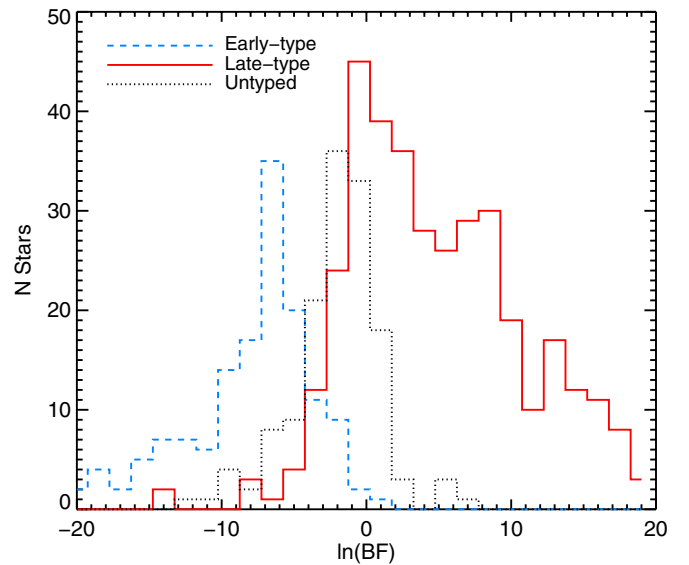
$$P(\text{Na} | H_E) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\text{Na,prior}}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(\text{Na} - \text{Na}_{\text{prior}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{Na,prior}}^2} \right]. \quad (8)$$

If the observed value of the equivalent width is far from the peak in the prior, the resulting integral in the evidence will be small, lending less evidence for this hypothesis.

The ratio of the evidences for the two hypotheses is the Bayes factor:

$$\text{BF} = \frac{P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}} | H_L)}{P(\text{Na}_{\text{obs}}, \text{Br}_{\text{obs}} | H_E)}. \quad (9)$$

The use of Bayes factors for evaluating the strength of the evidence was first advocated by Jeffreys (1961), and has subsequently been used in cosmology to evaluate different cosmological models (e.g., Trotta 2008). A large Bayes factor



**Figure 7.** Distribution of Bayes factors for stars with manual spectral types (early-type: dashed blue; late-type: solid red) compared to that of untyped population (dotted black).

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means that hypothesis  $H_L$  is preferred over hypothesis  $H_E$ , whereas a small value of BF would mean that hypothesis  $H_E$  is preferred over  $H_L$ . See Figure 6 for a simplified example of evaluating the relative strength of the evidence (i.e., the Bayes factor) for a late-type star versus an early-type star using only the measured Na I equivalent width. Figure 7 shows the distribution of  $\ln \text{BF}$ .

#### 4.3.2. Deriving Probabilities

The observed Bayes factor for each untyped star is converted into a probability of being early-type ( $P_E$ ) or late-type ( $P_L$ ) by running a series of Monte Carlo simulations. These simulations are used to calibrate the effects of local noise sources, such as mis-subtraction of background Br  $\gamma$  gas or halos of nearby

**Table 7**  
Completeness Simulation Results

Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$	$\Delta R.A.$ ( $''$ )	$\Delta Decl.$ ( $''$ )	$\ln(BF)^a$	S/N	Na EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Na EW Err ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Br $\gamma$ EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Br $\gamma$ EW Err ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$P(\text{Old})^b$	$P(\text{Yng})^b$	Field
S0-35	15.30	0.12	15.48	0.04	0.90	5.86	17	5.44	1.44	2.86	2.43	1.00	0.00	C
S1-27	15.35	0.06	15.43	-1.03	0.20	-3.31	30	-0.13	0.74	2.36	0.45	0.31	0.69	C
S1-29	15.28	0.01	15.45	1.08	0.16	4.20	8	6.35	1.85	4.11	1.21	1.00	0.00	C
S1-32	15.19	0.12	15.30	-0.98	-0.65	9.66	20	5.30	1.10	0.83	0.36	1.00	0.00	C
S1-50	15.36	0.06	15.40	1.49	0.66	3.09	11	4.41	2.01	1.10	0.58	1.00	0.00	C
S1-51	14.97	0.07	15.07	-1.66	-0.17	...	0	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.50	C
S1-53	15.20	0.03	15.28	1.67	-0.11	2.76	12	4.14	1.98	1.72	0.55	1.00	0.00	E
S1-45	15.21	0.03	15.14	-1.27	1.09	1.75	17	2.46	1.18	2.57	0.65	0.96	0.04	C
S1-54	15.41	0.03	15.38	-1.51	0.76	2.16	6	7.94	3.72	1.30	1.73	0.99	0.01	W
S1-52	15.13	0.19	15.07	0.02	1.69	1.20	19	1.76	1.02	1.30	0.36	1.00	0.00	N
S1-49	14.37	0.06	14.46	-1.70	0.16	...	21	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.50	W
S1-55	15.41	0.05	15.46	1.59	0.63	...	8	...	...	...	...	0.50	0.50	C
S1-56	15.52	0.08	15.36	-1.10	1.33	4.21	14	5.34	1.95	1.09	0.33	1.00	0.00	C
S1-58	15.51	0.01	15.41	-1.48	0.98	0.33	5	13.32	7.14	8.85	3.95	0.87	0.13	W
S1-59	15.40	0.02	15.34	0.02	1.78	5.51	15	4.28	1.27	1.41	0.58	1.00	0.00	N
S1-62	15.35	0.01	15.27	0.46	1.79	2.91	12	3.56	1.56	1.79	0.82	0.98	0.02	N
S1-63	15.53	0.25	15.26	-1.21	1.41	1.61	4	4.61	3.24	-6.08	2.71	0.99	0.01	C
S1-64	15.39	0.06	15.31	0.66	1.82	5.12	21	3.89	1.19	1.68	0.42	1.00	0.00	N
S2-36	13.38	0.06	13.45	2.00	0.43	-0.15	24	1.24	0.62	2.25	0.42	1.00	0.00	E
S2-43	15.48	0.01	15.47	-1.83	-1.14	0.96	11	2.17	2.07	1.22	1.09	0.98	0.02	SW
S2-42	15.35	0.11	15.25	0.49	2.14	4.99	22	3.79	1.17	1.11	0.86	1.00	0.00	N
S2-195	15.67	0.05	15.40	-2.02	1.46	-2.16	7	-8.71	3.88	-4.69	1.51	0.12	0.88	W
S2-60	15.30	0.06	14.90	-1.44	2.06	3.71	21	3.89	1.39	2.44	0.69	1.00	0.00	NW
S2-63	15.31	0.08	15.22	-0.65	2.48	1.44	11	5.01	4.34	1.48	0.55	0.99	0.01	N
S2-208	15.62	0.14	15.34	-2.03	1.59	-0.66	8	0.89	2.21	3.21	1.30	0.66	0.34	NW
S2-68	15.34	0.10	14.92	-1.79	1.96	1.85	15	4.11	2.09	2.96	0.75	0.97	0.03	NW
S2-261	15.51	0.02	15.37	-2.60	1.01	-2.02	12	2.72	1.88	7.91	1.51	0.13	0.87	W
S2-268	15.42	0.03	15.31	-2.77	0.49	...	8	...	...	...	...	0.61	0.39	W
S2-277	14.68	0.08	14.64	-2.44	-1.43	-1.55	15	0.06	1.17	0.93	0.59	0.69	0.31	SW
S2-82	15.23	0.03	15.30	2.85	0.05	6.43	28	4.59	1.19	2.24	0.73	1.00	0.00	E
S2-79	15.06	0.02	15.13	2.86	-0.13	1.37	31	2.73	1.12	3.77	0.34	0.99	0.01	E
S2-30	15.08	0.03	15.16	2.92	-0.05	-1.47	20	1.67	1.08	4.42	0.42	0.81	0.19	E
S2-306	15.42	0.19	15.48	-0.48	-2.88	-2.46	21	-2.32	1.73	1.21	0.38	0.69	0.31	S
S2-84	15.28	0.08	15.24	1.66	-2.47	12.72	32	5.43	0.92	1.44	0.38	1.00	0.00	SE
S2-86	15.35	0.26	15.32	2.67	-1.37	0.40	15	1.71	1.30	1.88	1.53	0.97	0.03	E
S3-50	15.51	0.05	15.45	-1.88	-2.35	-2.68	20	-0.20	1.21	3.00	1.08	0.53	0.47	S
S3-43	15.33	0.06	15.36	-0.17	-3.01	3.03	14	3.92	1.51	2.91	0.85	1.00	0.00	S2-1
S3-43	15.33	0.06	15.36	-0.17	-3.01	3.53	8	4.85	1.61	3.98	1.47	1.00	0.00	S
S3-51	15.11	0.03	15.02	-0.15	3.03	3.15	14	3.05	1.14	-1.23	0.56	1.00	0.00	N
S3-4	14.74	0.09	14.80	3.07	-0.49	-1.21	20	0.41	1.05	1.03	0.31	0.68	0.32	E
S3-86	14.86	0.10	14.80	2.11	-2.31	4.83	40	2.60	0.68	0.68	0.22	1.00	0.00	SE
S3-92	15.32	0.01	15.25	-1.33	2.88	-0.27	18	1.45	1.22	2.89	0.77	0.55	0.45	NW
S3-21	15.38	0.03	15.48	3.20	-0.22	4.26	22	3.46	1.20	1.24	0.33	0.99	0.01	E
S3-23	15.36	0.04	15.35	2.90	-1.38	5.57	13	5.07	1.45	2.32	0.65	0.99	0.01	E
S3-104	15.46	0.10	15.35	-3.16	-0.66	-4.60	13	1.30	1.59	6.29	0.59	0.52	0.48	SW
S3-125	15.42	0.11	15.37	-3.07	-1.22	-0.52	9	1.02	5.36	5.00	2.41	0.72	0.28	SW
S3-136	14.42	0.06	14.38	-3.02	-1.41	...	4	...	...	...	...	0.64	0.36	SW
S3-146	14.07	0.09	14.20	-0.29	-3.35	4.35	12	7.68	2.47	1.86	0.50	1.00	0.00	S2-1
S3-403	14.65	0.05	14.76	-0.11	-3.37	0.04	15	3.04	1.02	6.26	0.85	0.88	0.12	S2-1
S3-167	15.37	0.07	15.16	-3.07	1.42	1.96	11	4.64	2.25	3.09	1.32	0.98	0.02	W
S3-159	15.17	0.05	15.10	-1.28	3.13	-2.07	14	-0.58	1.75	3.01	0.48	0.31	0.69	NW
S3-156	12.99	0.11	12.97	0.42	-3.36	0.61	25	1.75	0.74	-1.46	0.20	0.89	0.11	S2-1
S3-162	14.52	0.08	14.62	-0.08	-3.41	-0.41	14	3.25	1.14	6.72	0.92	0.80	0.20	S2-1
S3-169	15.46	0.04	15.19	-3.39	0.38	2.46	16	2.98	1.24	2.75	0.70	0.97	0.03	W
S3-31	15.35	0.10	15.48	3.39	0.38	-4.14	8	-0.15	1.84	6.79	1.28	0.20	0.80	NE
S3-33	15.30	0.06	15.45	3.33	-0.84	4.19	17	4.54	1.46	2.96	0.67	1.00	0.00	E
S3-172	15.35	0.06	15.48	3.39	-0.59	8.04	38	4.44	1.01	1.43	0.63	1.00	0.00	E
S3-192	15.11	0.07	15.10	0.48	-3.47	4.44	9	5.39	1.81	-1.08	0.79	1.00	0.00	S2-1
S3-200	15.54	0.09	15.43	-3.31	-1.17	...	1	...	...	...	...	0.65	0.35	SW
S3-216	14.95	0.06	14.66	-3.13	1.68	...	8	...	...	...	...	0.66	0.34	W
S3-229	15.56	0.11	15.47	1.56	-3.23	...	7	...	...	...	...	0.66	0.34	S2-1
S3-223	14.90	0.04	14.81	1.27	-3.37	-1.26	15	4.15	1.60	7.86	1.12	0.80	0.20	S2-1
S3-227	15.27	0.13	15.39	0.02	-3.60	2.91	9	4.15	1.85	-0.68	0.42	0.99	0.01	S2-1
S3-279	14.74	0.13	14.59	-3.42	-1.51	...	4	...	...	...	...	0.66	0.34	SW

**Table 7**  
(Continued)

Name	$K'$	$\sigma_{K'}$	$K'_{\Delta A}$	$\Delta R.A.$ ( $''$ )	$\Delta Decl.$ ( $''$ )	$\ln(BF)^a$	S/N	Na EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Na EW Err ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Br $\gamma$ EW ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Br $\gamma$ EW Err ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$P(\text{Old})^b$	$P(\text{Yng})^b$	Field
S3-338	15.75	0.02	15.48	-3.82	-0.44	0.91	10	2.93	1.83	3.86	2.18	0.95	0.05	SW
S3-348	15.21	0.05	15.40	3.90	0.23	...	8	...	...	...	...	0.43	0.57	E2-1
S3-348	15.21	0.05	15.40	3.90	0.23	-4.31	8	-2.73	1.50	3.12	0.80	0.43	0.57	E2-2
S4-45	15.20	0.20	15.40	4.10	-0.42	-0.62	14	3.91	1.60	5.64	0.49	0.96	0.04	E2-2
S4-86	15.22	0.07	15.40	-0.67	-4.12	0.18	16	1.75	1.58	2.67	1.19	0.99	0.01	S2-1
S4-170	14.16	0.11	14.33	-0.57	-4.41	11.28	25	5.11	0.88	3.16	1.73	1.00	0.00	S2-1
S4-280	15.52	0.04	15.48	1.21	-4.60	3.53	4	5.33	1.78	3.40	0.59	1.00	0.00	S2-1
S4-315	15.00	0.07	15.19	4.81	0.84	3.26	14	3.42	1.22	2.58	3.14	1.00	0.00	E2-1
S5-60	15.11	0.05	15.31	5.21	0.13	-1.02	5	-0.02	4.61	-7.00	1.57	0.76	0.24	E2-1
S5-98	15.16	0.04	15.29	1.05	-5.24	...	13	...	...	...	...	0.73	0.27	S2-1
S5-240	13.92	0.07	14.05	5.35	0.10	1.53	14	2.27	0.99	-3.37	1.14	1.00	0.00	E2-1
S5-94	15.46	0.07	15.49	4.92	2.11	3.15	17	2.89	1.13	-0.39	0.30	1.00	0.00	E2-1
S5-256	15.38	0.14	15.49	5.63	0.87	...	1	...	...	...	...	0.74	0.26	E2-1
S5-241	14.00	0.04	14.09	5.85	0.41	-3.26	9	-1.31	2.03	4.49	0.89	0.51	0.49	E2-1
S6-137	15.26	0.04	15.35	6.01	0.46	-1.59	7	-2.48	2.60	1.42	1.91	0.53	0.47	E2-1
S6-129	15.00	0.08	15.07	6.10	-0.33	-2.17	10	-1.92	2.16	2.82	0.96	1.00	0.00	E2-1
S6-129	15.00	0.08	15.07	6.10	-0.33	3.78	22	2.94	1.05	0.46	0.43	1.00	0.00	E2-2
S6-131	14.95	0.10	15.00	6.18	0.43	-1.52	9	0.11	2.09	3.94	1.52	0.88	0.12	E2-1
S6-111	14.27	0.02	14.33	6.30	0.83	...	29	...	...	...	...	0.76	0.24	E2-1
S6-138	15.30	0.11	15.29	5.93	-2.32	3.18	25	2.73	0.84	3.27	0.80	1.00	0.00	E2-2
S6-132	14.86	0.14	14.86	6.49	-0.06	0.44	12	1.63	1.30	0.28	2.02	0.97	0.03	E2-1
S6-145	15.31	0.08	15.40	5.92	-3.23	8.72	16	5.74	1.27	1.19	0.84	1.00	0.00	E2-3
S6-151	15.23	0.11	15.25	6.81	0.26	...	6	...	...	...	...	0.77	0.23	E2-1
S7-81	15.32	0.09	15.32	6.34	-3.19	0.97	11	4.16	1.78	4.53	0.57	0.99	0.01	E3-3
S7-77	15.35	0.10	15.37	7.21	0.28	2.04	15	2.76	1.32	2.35	0.87	1.00	0.00	E3-1
S7-65	15.22	0.08	15.31	7.14	1.29	1.72	7	5.65	2.46	4.18	1.26	1.00	0.00	E2-1
S7-99	15.33	0.10	15.36	6.63	-3.19	0.70	26	2.69	1.51	4.14	1.32	0.98	0.02	E3-3
S7-110	14.98	0.20	15.02	7.44	0.33	4.43	38	3.38	0.73	5.53	0.95	1.00	0.00	E3-1
S7-66	15.41	0.10	15.47	6.73	-3.99	2.44	28	2.46	1.02	2.14	0.32	1.00	0.00	E3-3
S8-86	15.31	0.10	15.32	7.49	-3.42	1.11	21	2.32	2.27	1.68	0.38	0.98	0.02	E3-3
S9-91	15.47	0.09	15.44	8.30	-4.82	1.70	18	2.73	1.33	-1.47	0.42	1.00	0.00	E3-3
S9-72	15.40	0.05	15.32	8.21	-5.52	-1.20	18	-1.09	2.14	1.90	0.55	0.82	0.18	E3-3
S10-46	14.68	0.12	14.73	9.03	-4.45	12.64	50	5.04	0.85	0.93	0.24	1.00	0.00	E4-3
S10-319	15.30	0.03	15.30	10.12	-2.79	...	1	...	...	...	...	0.83	0.17	E4-2
S10-80	15.24	0.12	15.29	9.50	-5.06	1.94	25	1.95	0.83	1.41	0.44	1.00	0.00	E4-3
S10-72	15.32	0.09	15.41	9.75	-4.79	-2.78	26	-0.49	1.03	1.66	0.57	0.24	0.76	E4-3
S11-47	15.51	0.11	15.25	10.00	-5.94	...	7	...	...	...	...	0.84	0.16	E4-3
S11-60	15.30	0.08	15.42	11.88	-0.04	-2.26	17	0.91	1.51	5.28	1.27	0.59	0.41	E4-1
S12-66	15.26	0.06	15.37	11.89	-2.55	...	1	...	...	...	...	0.85	0.15	E4-2
S12-29	14.47	0.08	14.58	12.20	-1.22	3.86	24	3.74	1.18	-5.34	1.46	1.00	0.00	E4-1
S12-211	15.59	0.06	15.48	11.21	-5.81	0.92	11	3.10	4.46	1.80	0.59	1.00	0.00	E4-3

**Notes.**<sup>a</sup> Blank entries are for stars for which we are unable to measure a Bayes factor, so the probabilities will be the prior.<sup>b</sup> Probability used in the analysis for this paper. This probability is calculated from Equations (10) and (11), which includes our relative sensitivity to the two types of stars as well as a prior on the relative radial surface-density profiles.

bright stars. For each untyped star in our sample, we simulate and plant 100 late-type and 100 early-type stars nearby the source as described in Appendix D. For every planted star, we extract Br  $\gamma$  and NaI equivalent widths (Appendix B) to compute the Bayes factors to calibrate how the local environment affects them.

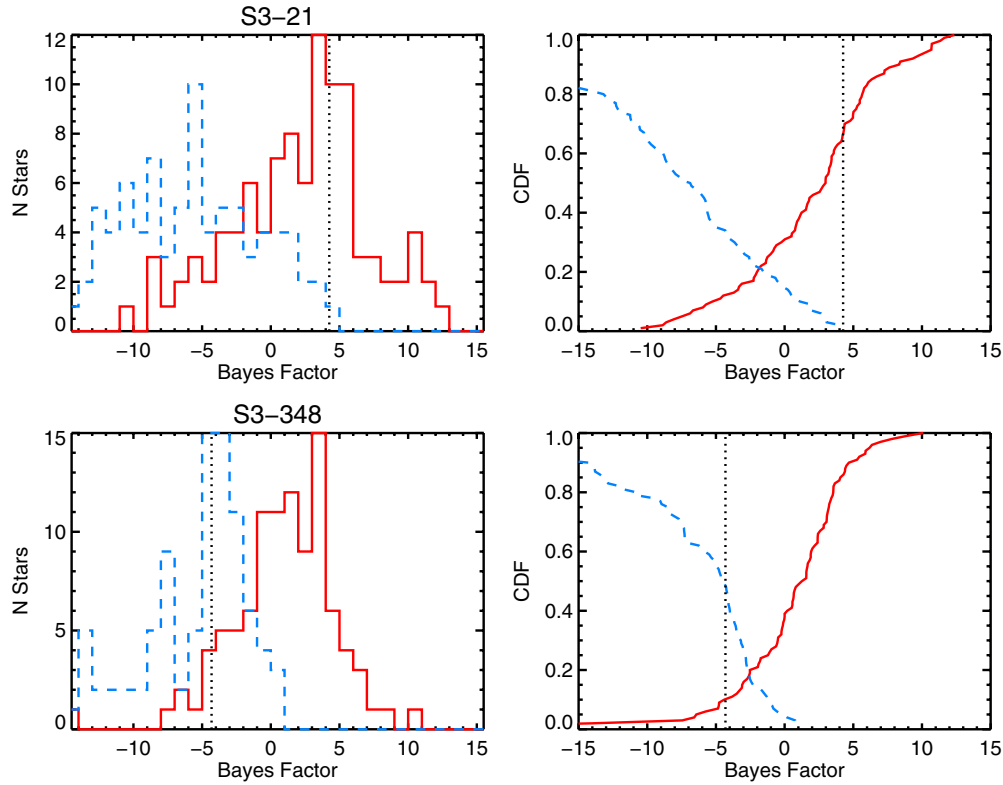
For each untyped star in our sample, the probability that it is early-type,  $P_E(\text{BF})$ , or late-type,  $P_L(\text{BF})$ , given the measured Bayes factor, is

$$P_E(\text{BF}) = \frac{f_E \Pi_E}{f_E \Pi_E + f_L \Pi_L}, \quad (10)$$

$$P_L(\text{BF}) = \frac{f_L \Pi_L}{f_E \Pi_E + f_L \Pi_L}. \quad (11)$$

where  $f_E$  is the fraction of simulated young stars with Bayes factors *greater* than the measured Bayes factor of the untyped source, and  $f_L$  is the fraction of simulated old stars with Bayes factors *less* than the measured Bayes factor of the untyped source. Figure 8 shows an example of how  $f_E$  and  $f_L$  are derived.  $\Pi_L$  and  $\Pi_E$  are the prior probabilities of observing a late-type or early-type star, respectively (see Section 4.3.3 for the derivation of these priors). Statistical uncertainties on the probabilities are typically <5%, assuming Poisson errors in  $f_E$  and  $f_L$  and errors in the priors.





**Figure 8.** Examples of the results of star-planting simulations for stars with a high probability of being late-type (top, S3-21) or early-type (bottom, S3-348) are shown with their distribution of Bayes factors (we use the  $\ln$  BF) measured from simulated sources planted near these stars. The plots show how the distribution of measured Bayes factor for the planted early-type stars (blue, dashed line) are separated from those of planted late-type stars (red, solid line). These distributions allow us to calibrate the measured Bayes factor (black, dotted line) for each source by sampling how likely it would be to observe a given Bayes factor if the star is early-type compared to being late-type.

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**Table 8**  
Most Probable Surface-density Power Law

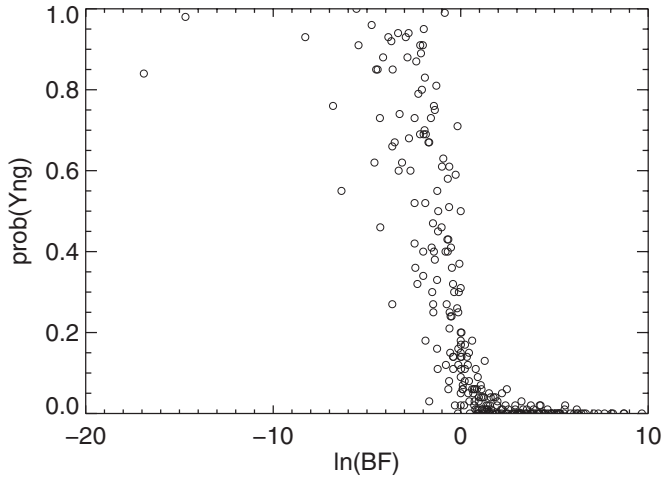
Population	Completeness-corrected?	Radial Range	Magnitude Range	$N$	$\Gamma$
Late-type	No	$>0''$	All	200	$-0.04 \pm 0.10$
Late-type	Yes	$>0''$	All	305.12	$0.16 \pm 0.07$
Late-type	Yes	$>0''$	$K' < 14.3$	93.59	$0.27 \pm 0.13$
Late-type	Yes	$>0''$	$K' > 14.3$	211.53	$0.11 \pm 0.09$
Early-type	No	$>0''$	All	78	$0.93 \pm 0.11$
Early-type	Yes	$>0''$	All	102.88	$0.93 \pm 0.09$
Early-type	Yes	$>1''0$	All	89.19	$1.17 \pm 0.18$
Early-type	Yes	$>0''$	$K' < 14.3$	56.41	$0.77 \pm 0.13$
Early-type	Yes	$>1''0$	$K' < 14.3$	53.41	$1.26 \pm 0.22$
Early-type	Yes	$>0''0$	$K' > 14.3$	46.47	$1.07 \pm 0.12$
Early-type	Yes	$>1''0$	$K' > 14.3$	35.78	$1.06 \pm 0.25$
Early-type	Yes	$0''0 < R < 1''0$	$K' > 14.3$	12	$0.89 \pm 0.39$
Early-type	Yes	$>1''0$	$K' < 12.25$	23	$1.51 \pm 0.35$

In Table 7, we present the location and properties of the untyped sources, as well as their associated Bayes factor and  $P_E$  and  $P_L$  values from Equations (10) and (11), respectively. Figure 9 shows the probability of being an early-type star as a function of  $\ln$  BF for the sources with manual spectral types as well as the untyped sources.

#### 4.3.3. The Choice of Priors

A key component to assigning probabilities are the prior assumptions on the intrinsic distribution of early- and late-type sources within the untyped sample. In this case, the prior is the relative probability that a star is early- or late-type. One

choice for the priors would be to assign equal probability to a star being early-type ( $\Pi_E$ ) or late-type ( $\Pi_L$ ) to each untyped source. Another choice would be to assume that the untyped stars have the same relative fraction of early- and late-type stars as those already spectral-typed in a given magnitude bin. Neither of these choices is entirely satisfactory; the first choice assumes that we have no information about the sources that have not been spectral-typed. The second assumes that our sensitivity to the two types of stars is the same and that there are no location- or magnitude-dependent systematics. For example, in general it is more difficult to detect Br  $\gamma$  than Na I at faint magnitudes given the smaller Br  $\gamma$  equivalent widths



**Figure 9.** Relationship between measured Bayes factor ( $\ln(\text{BF})$ ), and the probability that the star is young, for the set of stars without manual spectral types. This relationship is not perfectly correlated because there is environmental variability between the location of different stars as well as differences in priors on the spectral types.

and complications of background subtraction. Additionally, the early- and late-type stars have radial density profiles with very different slopes (Buchholz et al. 2009; Do et al. 2009b; Bartko et al. 2010). To account for this we factor our priors into two terms:

$$\Pi_E = \Pi_{E,\text{sens}} \Pi_{E,R}, \quad (12)$$

$$\Pi_L = \Pi_{L,\text{sens}} \Pi_{L,R}. \quad (13)$$

The first contains the differences in line sensitivity to Na I and Br  $\gamma$ , and the second incorporates a radial dependence in the relative number of early-type to late-type stars.

*The Line Sensitivity Prior.* To determine the relative sensitivity to the two types of stars, we turn to the results of the star-planting simulations. We must set a threshold in Bayes factor for calling a star early-type versus late-type. In this way, we can then examine the simulations to determine what fraction should have been detected as either type of star. Based on the distribution of Bayes factor for the manually spectral-typed sources, we chose the Bayes factor threshold to be  $\ln(\text{BF}) > -1.76$  to be declared a late-type source and  $\ln(\text{BF}) < -2.84$  to be declared an early-type source. These thresholds are chosen such that 90% of the late-type stars have  $\ln(\text{BF})$  above the late-type threshold and 90% of the early-type stars are below the early-type threshold in the manually spectral-typed sample (Figure 10). Using these thresholds, we examine the entire set of simulated stars and compare the BF distributions with the thresholds. If we were equally sensitive to early-type and late-type stars ( $\Pi_{E,\text{sens}} = \Pi_{L,\text{sens}} = 0.5$ ), the number of planted late-type and early-type stars with BF outside the threshold would be equal. While the distribution of Bayes factor for the simulated late-type stars are very similar to those that have been manually spectral-typed, the distribution for simulated early-type stars are skewed closer to zero than the observed distribution (Figure 10). The relative fractions of undetected sources are 60% early-type stars and 40% late-type stars; this means the late-type stars are about 1.5 times more likely to be detected than early-type stars in the magnitude range of the untyped sources. We therefore use as our priors  $\Pi_{E,\text{sens}} = 0.60$  and  $\Pi_{L,\text{sens}} =$

0.40. We note that this prior is used as the starting point for the Bayes factor analysis—the actual evidence for each untyped source also plays a role in calculating the posterior probability that a source is early- or late-type through Equations (10) and (11).

*The Radial Distance Prior.* In addition to the overall sensitivity of our survey to the two types of stars, we also consider the different radial profiles of the two populations. For example, a randomly selected star at a projected distance of  $10''$  from Sgr A\* has a much higher probability of being a late-type star compared with one that is at  $1''$ . The distance prior is the fraction of early- to late-type stars as a function of radius:

$$\Pi_{R,E}(R) = \xi(R)/(1 + \xi(R)), \quad (14)$$

$$\Pi_{R,L}(R) = 1/(1 + \xi(R)), \quad (15)$$

where  $\xi(R)$  is the ratio of the radial surface-density profiles:

$$\xi(R) \equiv \frac{\Sigma(R)_E}{\Sigma(R)_L} = \frac{A_E R^{-\Gamma_E}}{A_L R^{-\Gamma_L}}. \quad (16)$$

$\Pi_{R,E}(R)$  and  $\Pi_{R,L}(R)$  are determined iteratively using the observations. Initially, we use the surface-density profiles of the manually typed sample of stars as the priors. This initial prior is not dependent on the probabilities from the simulations. We derive probabilities for the untyped stars using this prior along with the line sensitivity prior ( $\Pi_{E,\text{sens}} = 0.6$ ,  $\Pi_{L,\text{sens}} = 0.4$ ). Radial surface-density profiles are then recalculated using the complete sample of stars, which we will use as our final radial distance prior. See Appendix E for details of the surface-density profile measurements. The resulting power-law slope parameters,  $A_E = 2.6 \text{ stars arcsec}^{-2}$ ,  $\Gamma_E = 0.86 \pm 0.13$ ,  $A_L = 2.5 \text{ stars arcsec}^{-2}$ ,  $\Gamma_L = 0.01 \pm 0.14$ , are used as the radial distance prior. We find that the resulting surface-density profiles are relatively insensitive to whether they are measured with the iterative approach or stopping after the initial step; the difference in the prior probabilities between the two steps is less than 3%.

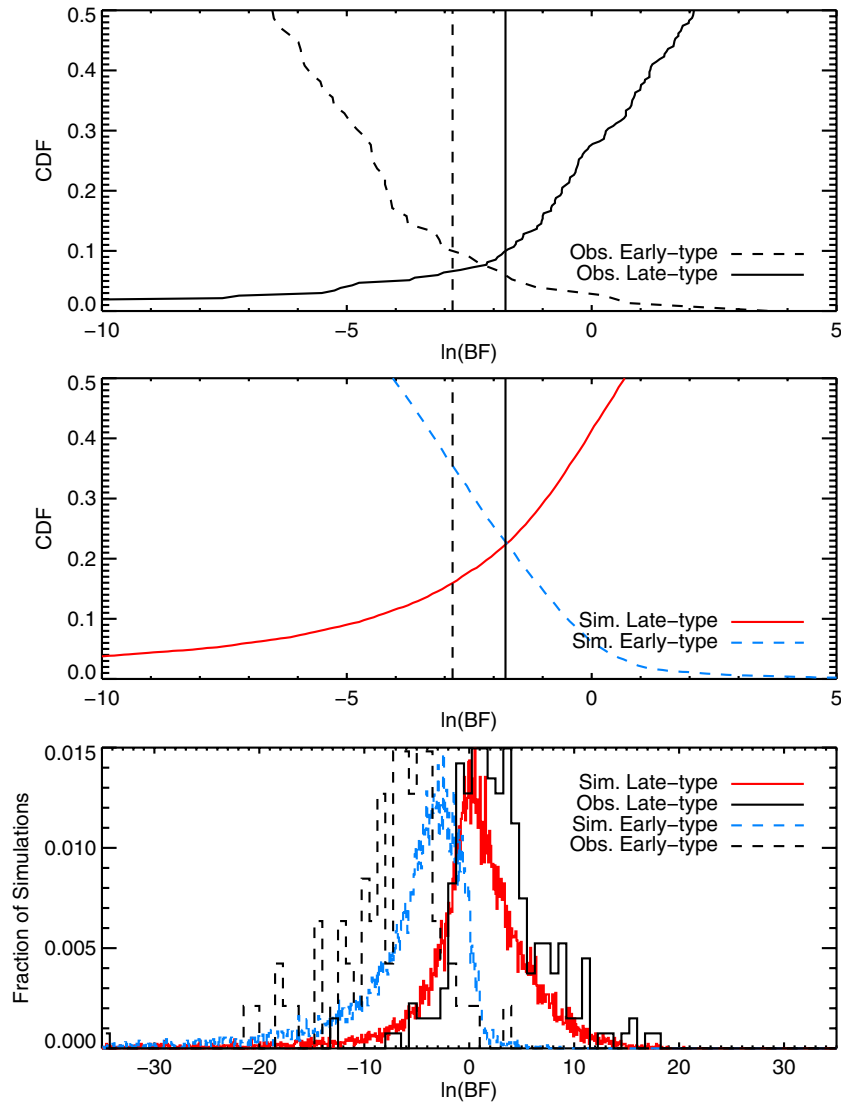
## 5. RESULTS

### 5.1. $K'$ Luminosity Function

$K'$  luminosity functions (KLFs) are constructed for both the early- and late-type stars. First, the manually typed sample is used alone to construct these distributions by summing the number of early-type or late-type stars in each magnitude bin. We will refer to these as *observed* distributions, since they are equivalent to the observed KLFs reported in earlier works before correcting for incompleteness. Second, *completeness-corrected* KLFs are constructed by combining the manually typed and statistically typed samples (e.g., all stars detected in our deep images) and applying a small correction for imaging incompleteness. In each magnitude bin, the number of early-type or late-type stars is given by the sum of the probabilities, divided by the imaging completeness:

$$N_{E,\text{mag}} = \sum_i^{N_{\text{obs}}} P_{E,i} / C_{\text{mag}}, \quad (17)$$

$$N_{L,\text{mag}} = \sum_i^{N_{\text{obs}}} P_{L,i} / C_{\text{mag}}, \quad (18)$$



**Figure 10.** Top: the choice of Bayes factor threshold for defining early-type and late-type stars is based on the cumulative distribution of Bayes factor for the manually classified late-type (solid) and early-type (dotted) sources. We chose the Bayes factor threshold to be  $\ln(\text{BF}) > -1.76$  (solid vertical) to be declared a late-type source and  $\ln(\text{BF}) < -2.84$  (dotted vertical) to be declared an early-type source. These thresholds are chosen such that 90% of the late-type stars have  $\ln(\text{BF})$  above the late-type threshold and 90% of the early-type stars are below the early-type threshold in the manually spectral-typed sample. Note that  $1 - \text{CDF}$  of the early-type stars (blue) is plotted to more easily illustrate how the two populations are separated. Middle: the simulated cumulative distributions are also shown for early-type (blue) and late-type (red) stars. The relative fractions of simulated sources that fall outside the thresholds are 60% for early-type stars and 40% for late-type stars. Bottom: the distribution of manually typed early- and late-type Bayes factors along with the corresponding simulated sources.

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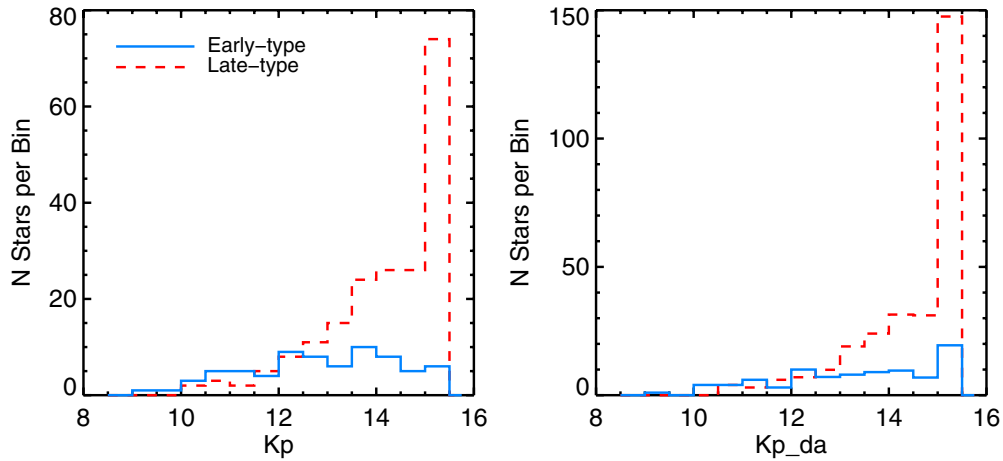
where  $N_{\text{obs}}$  is the total number of stars,  $C_{\text{mag}}$  is the imaging completeness within the given magnitude bin, and  $P_{E,i}$  and  $P_{L,i}$  are the probability that the star is early- or late-type, respectively. The manually spectral-typed early- and late-type stars are respectively assigned either  $P_{E,i} = 1$  or  $P_{L,i} = 1$ . Note that the imaging completeness correction is identical for both early-type and late-type samples.  $N_{E,\text{mag}}$  and  $N_{L,\text{mag}}$  are assumed to have Poisson errors.<sup>10</sup> Poisson errors on the final number are a good approximation of the true error since we know the number of stars very well from deep images (i.e., imaging completeness is very high), and the statistical uncertainties in the probabilities for early- and late-type classification are assumed to be negligible. Figure 11 shows both the observed and completeness-corrected  $K'$  luminosity function for the early- and late-type stars. In the faintest bin (15.0–15.5 mag), 96%

of the stars are detected in imaging, of which about 50% of those have manual spectral types. The early-type KLF increases smoothly with fainter magnitudes, while the late-type stars exhibit a large jump in the faintest bin due to the presence of red clump stars.

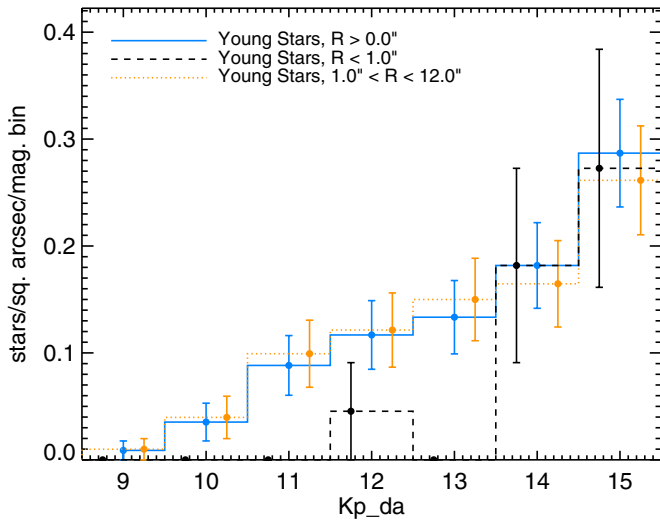
#### 5.1.1. Luminosity Function of the S-stars

We also compare the luminosity function of the S-stars, defined here as early-type stars with  $R < 1''.0$  (similar to the definition in Genzel et al. 2010), to that of early-type stars further out. We split the sample of early-type into different regions: (1)  $R < 1''$ , (2)  $1'' < R < 12''$ , and (3) all  $R$ . Figure 12 shows the completeness-corrected luminosity functions of these three samples of stars. The stars with  $R < 1''$  are 100% complete to an extinction-corrected  $K'_{\Delta A} < 15.5$  (11 stars: S0-2, S0-1, S0-3, S0-5, S0-11, S0-4, S0-9, S0-31, S0-14, S1-3, S0-15). This

<sup>10</sup> In cases where  $N = 0$  (e.g.,  $\sigma_N = \sqrt{N}$ ), we conservatively adopt  $\sigma_N = 1$ .



**Figure 11.** Luminosity function of the early-type (blue, solid) and late-type (red, dashed) stars binned in 0.5 mag bins. Left: the observed luminosity function using the sample of manually typed stars and the observed  $K'$  magnitudes. Right: the differential extinction and completeness-corrected  $K'_{AA}$  luminosity function. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)



**Figure 12.** Completeness-corrected luminosity functions of the early-type stars as a function of projected distance from Sgr A\* are shown. Blue, solid: all early-type stars in the survey. Orange, dotted: early-type with projected distance of  $1'' < R < 12''$  from Sgr A\*. Black, dashed: early-type stars within  $1''$  of Sgr A\*, scaled by a factor of 0.18 to better compare the slope of the luminosity function. The bright end ( $K'_{AA} < 14.0$ ) of the luminosity function for the central  $1''$  is inconsistent with that found further out, lacking bright stars. However, the faint end ( $K'_{AA} > 14.0$ , B-stars) of the S-stars luminosity function is consistent with the luminosity function for stars at  $> 1''$ .

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high completeness is due to the lower than average extinction in this region as well as deeper spectroscopic observations. As observed by other studies (e.g., Paumard et al. 2006), the central  $1''$  has a lower density of stars with  $K'_{AA} < 14.0$  compared with the outer region. However, for the stars with  $K'_{AA} > 14.0$  in the central arcsecond, the luminosity function is statistically consistent with the faint end of the luminosity function for stars at  $R > 1''$ , and for the total population.

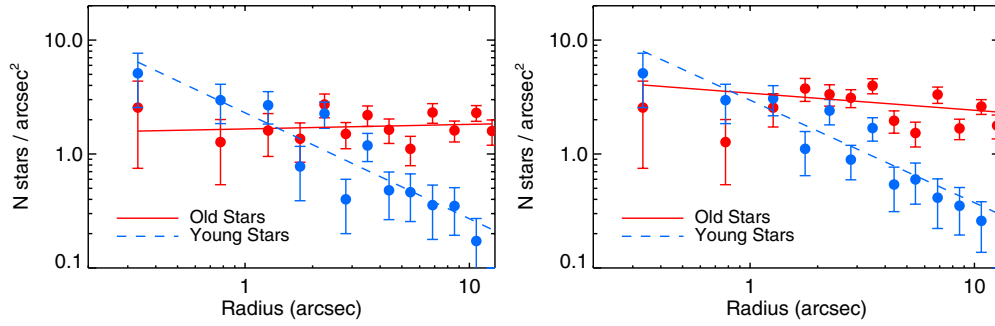
### 5.2. Radial Surface-density Profiles

We use a Bayesian parameter estimation method to determine the surface-density profiles of the early- and late-type stars. Previous observations of the surface-density profiles of stars in this region were estimated by fitting a power law to number

counts binned by radius. The process of binning can lead to large variances in the inferred power-law fits, especially if the population is to be separated by luminosity, for example. In order to overcome some of these limitations, we use an unbinned fit to a power-law model,  $\Sigma \propto R^{-\Gamma}$ . We compute the Bayesian posterior probability distribution for the power-law slope  $\Gamma$ , using the individual star's positions as the likelihood, and assuming a flat prior for  $\Gamma$ . See Appendix E for more details. The power-law slopes of the observed (as defined in Section 5.1) surface-density profiles for the early- and late-type stars are  $\Gamma_E = 0.93 \pm 0.11$  and  $\Gamma_L = -0.04 \pm 0.10$ , respectively. We plot these profiles in Figure 13, along with radially binned points for illustration and comparison. The completeness-corrected late-type surface-density profile has a best-fit power law of  $\Gamma_L = 0.16 \pm 0.07$ , while the early-type surface-density profile has a best-fit slope of  $\Gamma_E = 0.93 \pm 0.09$ . For comparison, a traditional least-squares fit to a binned radial profile, with each radial bin containing roughly equal number of stars, has  $\Gamma_L = 0.12 \pm 0.16$  and  $\Gamma_E = 0.83 \pm 0.14$ . While the two methods are consistent, the Bayesian method has the advantage of utilizing the precise positions of stars rather than binned positions, resulting in smaller uncertainties. Table 8 summarizes the fits to the different populations of stars.

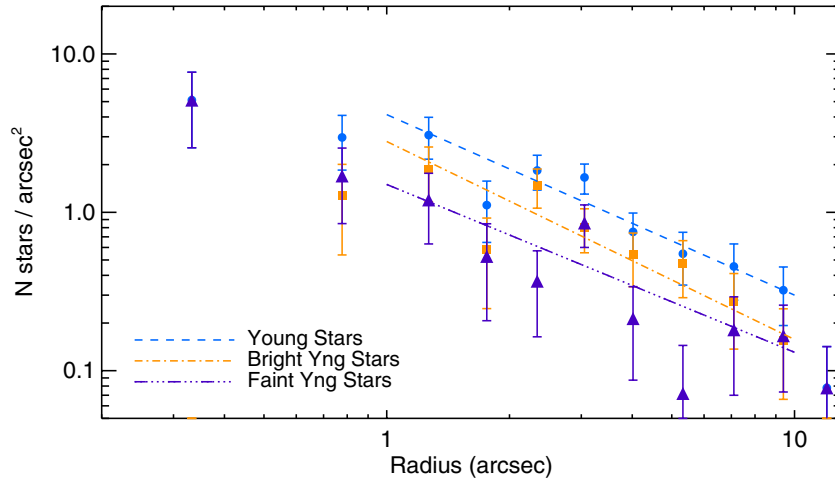
We also examine the early-type population for evidence of mass segregation by examining the surface-density profiles for stars brighter than  $K'_{AA} = 14.3$ , compared to the fainter population. This cut is chosen because it is approximately at the division between B-type MS stars and the more massive O stars and OB supergiants. This split is also motivated by the fact that there appears to be a significant lack of young stars brighter than this threshold in the central  $0''.8$ , which has been noted by many previous observers (e.g., Paumard et al. 2006; Bartko et al. 2010). We wish to investigate whether there is a difference in the density structure between the B MS populations and the more massive young stars. We find that while the fainter B stars have a marginally shallower density profile, with  $\Gamma_{\text{faint}} = 1.06 \pm 0.25$ , than the brighter population, with  $\Gamma_{\text{bright}} = 1.25 \pm 0.22$  (for  $R > 1''$ ), their profiles are statistically consistent with a single power law for projected distance  $R > 1''$  from Sgr A\*. When including the area inside of  $1''$ , the power-law fit for all faint B-type stars has  $\Gamma = 1.06 \pm 0.13$ , consistent with the fit for  $R > 1''$ . Figure 14 shows the profiles of the different samples of stars. It is also unclear at this point whether a single power





**Figure 13.** Azimuthally averaged surface-density profile of early-type (blue) and late-type (red) stars. The most probable surface-density power-law slopes are also plotted (early-type: dashed; late-type: solid). Left: the number counts have *not* been corrected for completeness. These consist of Sample 1 stars. The most probable fits for the two populations are  $\Gamma_L = -0.04 \pm 0.10$  and  $\Gamma_E = 0.93 \pm 0.11$ , respectively. Right: completeness-corrected surface-density profile (Sample 4). The most probable fits for the two populations are  $\Gamma_L = 0.16 \pm 0.07$  and  $\Gamma_E = 0.93 \pm 0.09$ , respectively. For details of the completeness correction, see Section 4.3.

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**Figure 14.** Azimuthally averaged, completeness-corrected surface-density profile of young stars (blue). Also, the surface-density profile of those that are brighter (orange) and fainter (purple) than  $K' = 14.3$ , approximately the magnitude that separates B MS stars from the brighter OB supergiants and WR stars. There is a large drop in the density of bright stars in the center, but the outer radial profiles are consistent between the two populations. Power-law slopes and errors for the various populations are given in Table 8.

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law is a good fit to the density profiles of both populations, as there appears to be a plateau in the surface-density profile from about  $1''$  to  $4''$ , beyond which the surface-density drops. This may indicate that a broken power law is a better fit to the surface-density profile. However, because of the small number of stars, this effect is not statistically significant at this time.

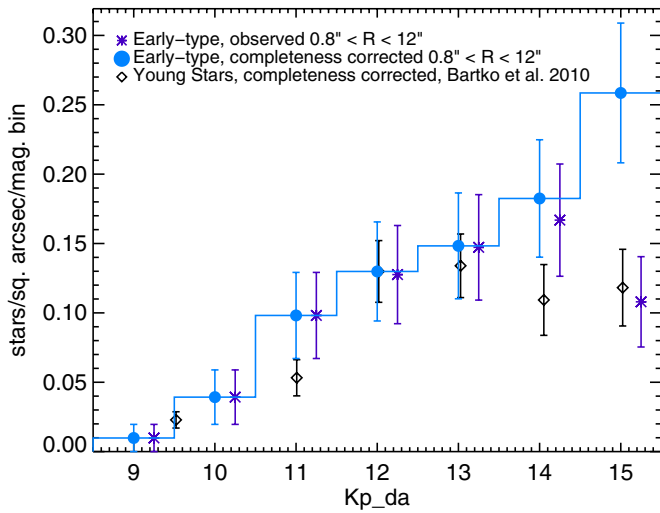
## 6. DISCUSSION

### 6.1. $K'$ Luminosity Function: Early-type Young Stars

We find our measured luminosity function for young stars between  $0.8 < R < 12''$  from Sgr A\* to be much steeper than the one reported by Bartko et al. (2010) in the same region. The luminosity function in Bartko et al. (2010) is essentially flat between  $K_s = 12$  and  $K_s = 16$ . In comparison, the luminosity function in this study rises continuously toward fainter magnitudes. Figure 15 compares the extinction and completeness-corrected luminosity of Bartko et al. (2010) to the present study for early-type stars at a projected distance of  $0.8 < R < 12''$  binned in 1 mag bins. The luminosity functions are scaled to have the same value at  $K' = 12.0$  in order to compare the differences in the slopes. Even before completeness correction, our survey has a comparable fraction of young stars in the range  $14.5 < K' < 15.5$  to that of the completeness-

corrected luminosity function from Bartko et al. (2010). Any completeness corrections would then increase the steepness of the  $K'$  luminosity function in this study. The steeper slope of the luminosity function found in this study will result in a steeper inferred mass function compared with Bartko et al. (2010). It is not trivial to derive an IMF from a luminosity function, as there are many variables that can affect the luminosity besides mass. For example, the age, star formation history, and metallicity will all affect the transformation from mass to luminosity. In Paper II, a detailed analysis is performed using the data presented in this paper and employing a combination of stellar evolution and stellar atmosphere models. Here, we will focus our discussion on a direct comparison of the observed luminosity functions and our approach to completeness correction.

One possible explanation for the discrepancy between our KLF and previous measurements is our different method of correcting for spectroscopic completeness. Our method takes advantage of our nearly complete knowledge of the *location* and *brightness* of stars from deep imaging; only the *spectral types* of some stars are unknown. We incorporate this knowledge, along with information in the spectra of these untyped stars, to assign a statistical probability of being early-type or late-type. In comparison, traditional completeness corrections ignore all information on untyped stars and only plant simulated stars to



**Figure 15.** Comparison between the  $K'_{AA}$  luminosity function reported in this paper and that reported in the literature. The plot compares the observed (purple asterisks) and completeness-corrected  $K'_{AA}$  luminosity function of early-type stars (blue solid) located at a projected distance  $0''.8 < R < 12''$  from Sgr A\*, with the completeness-corrected  $K$  luminosity function from Bartko et al. (2010, black diamond) in the same radial range. The number counts are normalized between our observations and those from Bartko et al. (2010) in the  $K'_{AA} = 11.5\text{--}12.5$  bin in order to compare the relative difference in the slopes (the error bars are also scaled accordingly). The bin centers for the observed  $K'_{AA}$  luminosity function are shifted slightly for clarity. We find a significantly greater fraction of faint young stars than in Bartko et al. (2010). The observed  $K'_{AA}$  luminosity function is nearly identical to the *completeness-corrected* luminosity function from Bartko et al. (2010), so any amount of incompleteness correction will lead to a greater number of faint B stars.

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estimate a completeness correction to be applied to the manually typed population. Furthermore, in Bartko et al. (2010), the simulated stars appear to be typed in a manner that is different from the observed stars; the simulated stars are declared early-type based on CO alone, while the observed stars are declared early-type when they have Br  $\gamma$  or He I, and lack CO lines. This may lead to an overestimate of the completeness to early-type stars, in which case, their reported numbers of early-type stars are underestimated in the faint bins where the completeness corrections dominate.

Another significant difference between this survey and that of Bartko et al. (2010) is the region covered by the two surveys; this survey is done predominantly in the direction of the projected clockwise young stellar disk, while the survey from Bartko et al. (2010) covers a region largely perpendicular to the disk plane (Figure 2). The present survey is likely to contain more stars that belong to the clockwise disk of young stars, while Bartko et al. (2010) showed that only one star fainter than  $K = 15.0$  is consistent with being on this disk. A detailed kinematic analysis of the current survey is necessary to place similar constraints on disk membership (S. Yelda et al. 2013, in preparation), but the differences in the luminosity functions, if not due to differences in completeness corrections, may indicate a difference in IMF between those stars on the disk and the field population represented by the observed B stars. This would be the first indication of difference in the stellar population between these two populations; previous observations of the OB supergiants and O MS stars have shown indistinguishable differences in number or age of those stars. A difference in the numbers of lower-mass MS stars could indicate differences in their formation or in their dynamical evolution. With the currently

published data sets, it is not yet possible to quantitatively assess either of these scenarios. A larger systematic survey of the B stars, along with their kinematics to establish disk memberships, will be necessary to address these questions.

## 6.2. $K'$ Luminosity Function: Late-type Giants

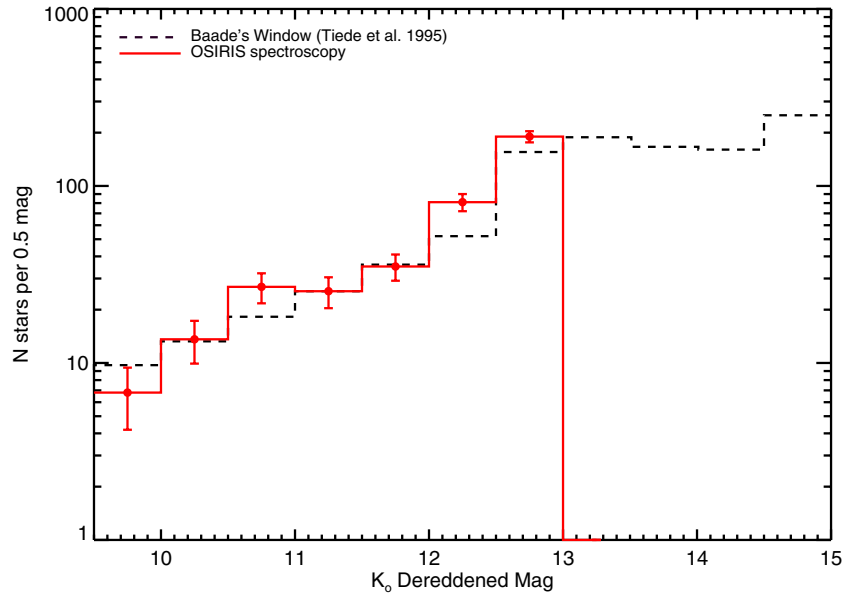
We find that the late-type luminosity function in this study is very similar to that of the inner bulge population. The late-type luminosity function is comparable to that of Baade's Window, a field located about  $4^\circ$  from the Galactic center with very low extinction ( $A_K \sim 0.14$ ) and so has been studied extensively in the past. Figure 16 shows the  $K$  luminosity function from Tiede et al. (1995), who combined deep observations of Baade's Window with earlier work by Frogel & Whitford (1987) and Depoy et al. (1993). These observations are corrected for reddening by dust, but not by the distance modulus ( $K_o$ ), which reaches a depth of  $K_o = 16.5$ , corresponding to about  $K = 19.2$  at the Galactic center when the additional extinction is included. We deredden the  $K'$  luminosity function from the OSIRIS spectroscopic sample in order to compare it with the one from Baade's Window. We scale the amplitude of the luminosity function of Baade's Window to the  $K_o = 11.0\text{--}11.5$  bin of the completeness and dereddened luminosity function. We find that the two generally agree well, down to the spectroscopic limit at  $K' = 15.5$ , or  $K_o = 12.5\text{--}13.15$ , where the red clump stars are concentrated in the luminosity function. Below  $K' = 15.5$ , we no longer have spectroscopic differentiation between the young and old population, but it is clear from Figure 16 that the GC luminosity function matches the red clump features from Baade's Window. The match in the slope and location of the red clump to that of the bulge indicates that the star formation history at the Galactic center may be similar (see also Maness et al. 2007; Pfuhl et al. 2011).

## 6.3. Surface-density Profile of Young Stars

The power-law fit to the projected surface-density profile of all the young stars is consistent with that of previous observations ( $\Gamma = 0.90 \pm 0.09$ ). Paumard et al. (2006) reported a surface-density profile power-law slope of  $\Gamma = 2.1 \pm 0.17$  in the plane of the young stellar disk, including only stars in the clockwise disk. As the current study does not separate the young stars into disk members and non-members, we must compare the surface-density profiles for all young stars. Using the *entire* sample of young stars in Paumard et al. (2006) within the field of view of this study, regardless of disk membership, the best-fit power law to the projected surface-density profile is  $\Gamma = 1.12 \pm 0.13$ , consistent with the measurement here. Our results are also consistent with those from Buchholz et al. (2009), who used medium-band imaging to separate early-type stars with low CO equivalent widths from late-type stars with strong CO absorption at  $\sim 2.3 \mu\text{m}$ ; Buchholz et al. (2009) found that at a projected distance of  $1''\text{--}10''$  from Sgr A\*, the early-type stars have  $\Gamma = 1.08 \pm 0.12$ . With the identification of these young stars, further insights into their origins can be obtained with the addition of kinematic data to reconstruct their orbital properties (S. Yelda et al. 2013, in preparation).

## 6.4. Properties of the S-stars

Our observations show that other than a deficit of stars brighter than  $K'_{AA} < 14.0$ , the early-type S-stars within the central  $\sim 1''$  have very similar properties to those found at greater



**Figure 16.** Comparison between the completeness-corrected and dereddened luminosity function of the late-type giants observed with OSIRIS (solid, black) and the  $K_0$  luminosity function observed in Baade’s Window from Tiede et al. (1995), which gives a deep sampling of a bulge field near the Galactic center. The OSIRIS luminosity function is cut off beyond  $K_0 = 13.0$  (observed  $K' \sim 15.5$ ), where our completeness correction is less reliable. The amplitude of the Tiede et al. (1995) luminosity functions are scaled to the OSIRIS luminosity function to match at the  $K_0 = 11.0$ – $11.5$  magnitude bin.

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distances. There are no significant differences in the surface-density profile of the B-type stars (stars with  $K'_{\Delta A} < 14.3$ ) within and outside the central arcsecond (Table 8). The B-stars show a continuous surface-density profile throughout the survey region. The luminosity function within the central arcsecond is also consistent with the early-type stars further out for  $K'_{\Delta A} > 14.0$  (Figure 12). In contrast, Bartko et al. (2010) found that the luminosity function of stars with  $R < 0''.8$  is significantly steeper than that of stars with  $0''.8 < R < 12''$ . For comparison, we also constructed a luminosity function for early-type stars with  $R < 0''.8$ . The luminosity function in this region is the same as Bartko et al. (2010) because of the high completeness in this region for both surveys (the spectral identifications are the same in this region). We find, as in Bartko et al. (2010), that this region is missing bright stars with  $K'_{\Delta A} < 14.0$  compared with the luminosity function at  $R > 0''.8$ . However, we find that the faint end of luminosity function ( $K'_{\Delta A} > 14.0$ ) inside  $R < 0''.8$  is consistent with the faint end of the luminosity function for stars with  $0''.8 < R < 12''$ , due to the steeper measured luminosity function in this survey. Our results suggest that the B-type S-stars may represent a continuous population of B-stars throughout the central 0.5 pc. It is unclear at this time, however, whether the S-stars can have originated from the most recent star formation event that formed the young disk of stars further out; for example, an explanation for the curious deficit of bright stars in the inner  $1''$  will be necessary for this hypothesis. Resolving this issue will have a strong impact on our understanding of the star formation in the region as well as the timescales for the dynamical mechanisms that are necessary to bring the S-stars so close to the supermassive black hole.

### 6.5. Cusp Clearing Out to 0.5 pc

The observed flat surface-density profile of the old red giants extends out to the edge of our survey at about 0.5 pc, about a factor of three further than our initial spectroscopic survey in Do et al. (2009a). While this survey predominantly samples

the region east of Sgr A\*, it should be representative of the distribution of old stars in this region as there do not appear to be any detectable deviations from spherical symmetry. This large core profile is also consistent with the narrowband imaging results from Buchholz et al. (2009) and the spectroscopic results from Bartko et al. (2010) based on samples more to the north of Sgr A\*. It is unclear from the present data whether there is a break in the surface-density profile at larger radii, as the survey truncates at about  $12''$ . Using a broken power-law model, we have attempted to constrain the break radius and the outer power-law slope, but the current data have insufficient radial coverage to strongly constrain the location of the break. Because the projected surface-density profile is so flat, it is also difficult to determine the true *spatial* density profile of the late-type stars ( $\rho(r) \propto r^{-\gamma}$ , where  $r$  is a three-dimensional distance). This limitation can be removed with the inclusion of kinematic information. For example, Jeans modeling of proper motion and radial velocity measurements has successfully been used by Do et al. (2012) to constrain the power-law exponent,  $\gamma$ , within the survey region presented here.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we report the results of our new spectroscopic survey of the central 0.5 pc of the Milky Way. This study presents both new observations as well as new methodologies. Our new data extend previous spectroscopic observations along the disk plane of the young stars by a factor of  $\sim 2$ – $3$ . We develop a new method for statistical spectral typing that we use for completeness correction. This method allows us to take advantage of prior information about the stars. Most importantly, this includes information about the locations, brightnesses, and spectra. Because over 95% of stars within the magnitude range of interest are detected in imaging, this provides a very robust method for constructing completeness-corrected luminosity functions and surface-density profiles for young, early-type stars and old, late-type giants.

We find that the measured radial surface-density profiles are consistent with previous studies (Buchholz et al. 2009; Do et al. 2009a; Bartko et al. 2010). The surface-density profile of the late-type stars appears flat within our survey region, suggesting that the “core” in the red giants is at least  $\sim 0.5$  pc in size. The early-type stars have a much steeper radial surface-density profile such that they dominate the stellar density within  $\lesssim 0.04$  pc from Sgr A\*.

The luminosity functions of both the late- and early-type stars rise toward fainter magnitude bins. The late-type stellar luminosity function is consistent with the inner bulge of the Galaxy, indicating that the star formation history of the Galactic center may be similar. The luminosity function for the early-type stars is consistent with that of previous studies at the bright end ( $K' < 13.0$ ; Paumard et al. 2006; Buchholz et al. 2009), but is steeper than that reported in a recent study at the faint end (Bartko et al. 2010). This steepening of the faint end of the luminosity function will likely result in a steeper mass function than the very top-heavy IMF reported in Bartko et al. (2010). The derivation of a mass function from a luminosity function is presented in Paper II.

We find that the S-stars at  $R < 1''$  and  $K'_{\Delta A} > 14.0$  (B-type) have the same luminosity function and surface-density profile as the B-type stars further out. This suggests that the population of all B-type stars in the central 0.5 pc may be related, but there is insufficient information at this time to determine whether they originate from the same star formation event as the young stellar disk (see also Paper II).

Accurate measurements of the luminosity function are important, as different luminosity functions can lead to very different conclusions about star formation in the extreme tidal environment of the Galactic center, which affects our understanding of star formation in general. It is important to note that current spectroscopic studies are limited to  $K' < 15.5$  mag, which corresponds to  $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$  (Paper II). To more completely compare the Galactic center mass function with local star-forming regions, observations down to about a solar mass are necessary. This mass corresponds to about  $K' \approx 21$  mag at the Galactic center, which cannot be reached by current IFU instruments. This regime for scientific study will only be opened with future Giant Segmented Mirror Telescopes (GSMT), such as the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT).

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## APPENDIX A

### SPECTRAL-TYPE VERIFICATION

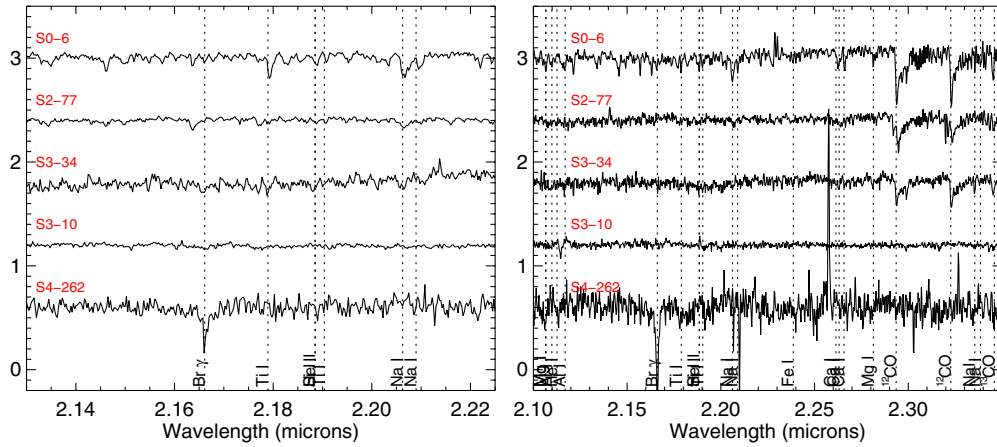
The identification of spectral types is largely based on the presence or absence of the Br  $\gamma$  and NaI lines. There are, however, a few bright sources for which there are no spectral features or very weak NaI lines. In Do et al. (2009a), we classified the bright,  $K' < 14$  featureless stars within the Kn3 wavelength range as young, as they were presumed to be OB stars with very low or zero equivalent width in Br  $\gamma$ , consistent with the variance in Br  $\gamma$  reported by Hanson et al. (1996). However, at the faint end of this range ( $K' = 13$ –14), we have determined that a few sources contain very weak NaI features, with equivalent widths  $\lesssim 2 \text{ \AA}$ , compared with the average NaI equivalent width of  $\sim 3.8 \text{ \AA}$ . In order to determine whether these sources, and other similar ambiguous sources, are young or old, we obtained  $K$  broadband spectra with OSIRIS for a sample of stars having NaI equivalent width  $< 2 \text{ \AA}$  (Table 9). Figure 17 shows examples of the low Na equivalent width sources compared with more typical early-type sources, and the corresponding spectra in the  $K$  broadband filters. The  $K$  broadband spectra cover the CO band heads at  $2.3 \mu\text{m}$ , which are very strong in late-type stars and are much better discriminators of the temperature of the star. We find that the sources with low, but detectable, NaI equivalent widths in the Kn3 filter have detectable CO features, indicating that they are late-type stars. However, the CO equivalent widths are smaller than the majority of the K and M giants. This is consistent with those of warmer giants of  $\sim 5000$  K instead of with temperatures in the range 3000–4000 K (Förster Schreiber 2000) for K and M stars. These stars likely represent a younger population (100–300 Myr old) compared to the  $\sim 1$  Gyr old M and K giants, but we will classify them as late-type to separate them from the much younger  $\sim 6$  Myr old population (see also Blum et al. 2003; Pfuhl et al. 2011). Based on these observations, we make two minor modifications for the spectral-type classification criteria: (1) the brightness cutoff for featureless stars to be classified as early-type is moved from  $K' < 14.0$  to  $K' < 13.0$  and (2) sources with small, detectable NaI equivalent widths are classified as late-type. This results in the reassignment of the spectral types of eight stars from Do et al. (2009a) from early-type to late-type, four of which have  $K' > 15.0$ . We find that these modifications have resulted in a much more robust method for spectral classification, with no incorrect assignments when

**Table 9**  
Stars Observed in  $K$  Broadband for Spectral-type Verification

Name	$K'$	$\ln(\text{BF})$	Kn3 Sp. Type <sup>a</sup>	Kbb Sp. Type	Field
S2-317	15.52	−2.73	Late	Late	S
S2-55	15.21	−0.68	Unknown	Late	SE
S2-61	15.36	1.00	Unknown	Late	E
S2-64	15.57	−1.13	Unknown	Late	E
S2-77	13.38	0.11	Late	Late	S
S3-7	13.56	−3.50	Late	Late	SE
S3-96	14.31	−1.96	Unknown	Early	SW
S4-46	14.72	1.84	Unknown	Late	E2-2
S5-127	15.62	−0.41	Unknown	Late	E2-3
S5-211	13.21	−1.00	Unknown	Late	E2-3
S5-237	13.21	−2.92	Unknown	Early	E2-1
S6-77	14.11	−3.13	Late	Late	E2-3

**Note.** <sup>a</sup> Initial spectral type using only Kn3 spectra with the criteria described in this paper in Section 4.1.





**Figure 17.** Left: spectra of sample sources in the Kn3 filter illustrating the types of stars seen in our sample. From top to bottom, the spectra are (1) a typical late-type stellar spectrum with prominent Na I lines at 2.206 and 2.2090  $\mu\text{m}$ ; (2) and (3) are late-type stars with small Na I equivalent widths; (4) an early-type star with a featureless spectrum in Kn3; and (5) a typical early-type star with Br  $\gamma$  absorption at 2.1661  $\mu\text{m}$ . Right: the  $K$  broadband spectra for the same sources, showing how the CO band head can be used as discriminator of early-type vs. late-type for the more ambiguous sources in Kn3. Featureless early-type sources in Kn3, such as S3-10, may also have He absorption in the broadband filter.

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comparing the follow-up sample between Kn3 and Kbb. We include the properties of stars classified using Kbb spectra in the Bayesian inference model through the distribution of equivalent widths in Br  $\gamma$  and Na I, as measured using the Kn3 spectra (Section 4.3).

## APPENDIX B

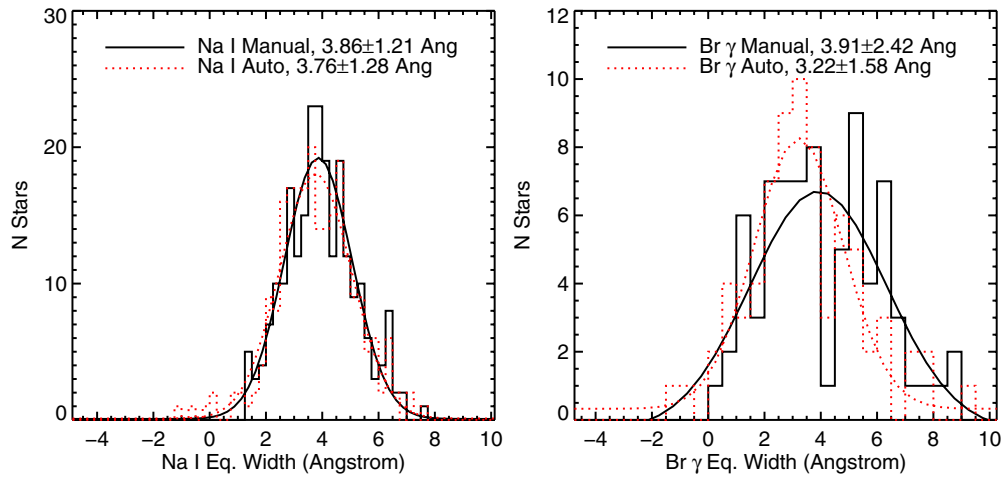
### MEASUREMENT OF SPECTRAL FEATURES

In order to facilitate source extraction and identification, and to run Monte Carlo simulations for completeness corrections, we also develop a method for automating the measurement of the equivalent widths of the Br  $\gamma$  and Na I doublet lines, as well as the radial velocity of the sources. The steps in this procedure are as follows.

1. We cross-correlate the spectrum with that of M3II giant HD40239 from the SPEX telescope infrared spectral templates (Rayner et al. 2009) in the range of the observed filter from 2.121 to 2.220  $\mu\text{m}$ ; this template was chosen because it has a high peak correlation value when cross-correlated with most of the observed late-type sources.
2. If the correlation coefficient is greater than 0.5, then the radial velocity is measured based on the peak of the cross-correlation function. We determine the thresholds for correlation from the  $K' > 14.0$  subset of manually spectral-typed sources (Sample 2). The location of the cross-correlation peak is determined by fitting a parabola to the five closest points around the pixel with the maximum correlation. Once the radial velocity is determined, we then shift the spectrum to rest wavelengths and measure the equivalent width of the Na I doublet. The doublet is measured by integrating the continuum-removed spectrum between 2.2053 and 2.2101  $\mu\text{m}$  as in Förster Schreiber (2000).
3. If the cross-correlation coefficient is below 0.5, the wavelength range over which we performed the cross correlation around the Na I doublet is reduced to between 2.20 and 2.215  $\mu\text{m}$ . By restricting the wavelength range, the sensitivity to the Na I feature is increased for low S/N spectra. If the peak of the cross-correlation function is now greater than 0.5, the radial velocity and the Na I equivalent width

is measured in the same way as in step 2. If the correlation peak is still less than 0.5, we do not apply any velocity shifts to the spectrum, but still integrate over the region around Na I doublet to establish the equivalent width within this region.

4. We then measure the equivalent width around Br  $\gamma$  by first cross-correlating the spectrum at  $\pm 4000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  around the Br  $\gamma$  line with a template spectrum constructed from multiple observations of S0-2 and shifted to rest wavelengths. If the cross-correlation coefficient is greater than 0.3, we fit a Gaussian to the region  $\pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$  around the wavelength corresponding to the peak lag in the cross-correlation function. If the peak correlation is less than 0.3, we fit a Gaussian to the wavelength region  $2.1661 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ . Because we are interested in measuring the faint B stars, which should have their Br  $\gamma$  in absorption, we restrict the Gaussian fit to absorption features. We also require that the width of the Gaussian fit be greater than 1 spectral pixel in order to avoid fitting cosmic rays or bad detector pixels.
5. The errors on the measured equivalent widths and radial velocities are estimated by splitting the data into three subsets. In order to obtain comparable S/N between these three spectra, we sort all of the spectra for each star by their S/N and populate each subset such that the resulting combined spectra would have similar S/N. We then apply steps 1–4 to each of the three spectra. We use the standard deviations of the radial velocity and equivalent widths as the error for the corresponding measurement. Most stars have between six and nine spectra observed, though there are stars with as few as one measurement if it is at the edge of our dither pattern. For stars with fewer than three measurements, we estimate the error using a fit for the correlation between S/N and equivalent width uncertainties. Using the power-law fit to this relationship and the given S/N of the spectrum, we infer the error on the measured parameters.
6. To filter out spurious fits, we do not consider stars with Na I or Br  $\gamma$  equivalent widths  $> 15 \text{ \AA}$ . This threshold is set above what is physically expected for any star at the Galactic center (Hanson et al. 1996; Förster Schreiber 2000). Stars with spurious detections are flagged and



**Figure 18.** Left: the observed distribution of Na I equivalent widths (solid black) as measured manually compared to that using the automated procedure described in Section 4 for sources with  $K' > 14.0$ . Right: a similar plot for the distribution of equivalent widths for Br  $\gamma$  at  $2.1661 \mu\text{m}$ . These distributions show that the automated algorithm produces similar results to measurements that require human interaction.

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those measurements are not considered in the subsequent analyses. Approximately 13% of the stars in our sample of stars with no manual spectral types (Sample 3) have either equivalent width measurements above this threshold using the automated routine, or the routine was unable to provide an equivalent width measurement. These stars tend to have  $S/N < 5$ .

Because these measurements are fully automated, they may be susceptible to systematic errors in the spectra that would lead to poor estimates of the equivalent widths of the spectral lines. To test the accuracy of this automated method, we compare the results to those of measurements that have been individually extracted and checked by eye. For the late-type giants, we find that the measurements using the automated routine are consistent with manual measurements; the mean of the distribution of Na I equivalent width for old stars with brightness  $K' < 14.0$  is  $3.8 \pm 1.3 \text{ \AA}$  compared to  $3.9 \pm 1.2 \text{ \AA}$  measured manually. For the early-type stars, we find the mean equivalent width of Br  $\gamma$  for young stars with  $K' < 14.0$  from the automated routines ( $3.2 \pm 1.6 \text{ \AA}$ ) to be consistent with the equivalent widths measured manually ( $3.9 \pm 2.4 \text{ \AA}$ ). See Figure 18 for plots of the distributions of equivalent widths of Br  $\gamma$  and Na I. We conclude that the automated and manual procedures achieve comparable measurements.

## APPENDIX C

### PHOTOMETRIC CALIBRATION

Star lists are photometrically calibrated using published magnitudes reported in Schödel et al. (2010). They provide an extensive star list with absolute  $H$ ,  $K_s$ , and  $L'$  photometry and we select calibrator stars as those with brightnesses of  $H < 18$ ,  $K_s < 16$ ,  $L' < 15$ , and photometric errors of  $\sigma_H < 0.03$ ,  $\sigma_{K_s} < 0.02$ , and  $\sigma_{L'} < 0.04$ . We also exclude stars that have neighbors within  $0''.3$  and  $\Delta K_s < -1.5$ . The  $K_s$  magnitudes are then converted into our  $K'$  filter set using the equation

$$K' = K_s + 0.00683 + 0.01049 \times (H - K_s). \quad (\text{C1})$$

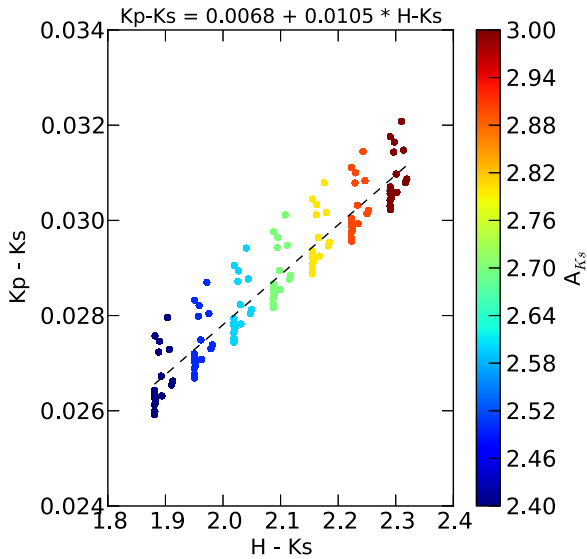
This  $K' - K_s$  conversion equation is determined by simulating synthetic spectra for a stellar population with an age of 5 Gyr at a distance of 8 kpc using models of stellar evolution

and atmospheres described in Paper II. The synthetic spectra are reddened using the Galactic center extinction law by Nishiyama et al. (2009) and a range of extinction values ( $A_{K_s} = 2.4\text{--}3.0$ ,  $\Delta A_{K_s} = 0.1$ ). The reddened synthetic spectra are convolved with atmospheric and filter transmission profiles using the package *pysynphot* to generate synthetic photometry for a suite of near-infrared filters, including  $H$ ,  $K'$ , and  $K_s$ . A linear relation is then derived for the subset of simulated stars that fall along the red giant branch from  $K_s = 14$  to 17, since most of the observed calibrators are cool, red giants (Figure 19). Simulations of a younger (6 Myr) population shows that the  $K' - K_s$  conversion for hot, young stars would result in  $K'$  photometric differences of less than 0.01 mag. This is far less than the 0.06 mag zero-point error in the calibrator  $K_s$  magnitudes (Schödel et al. 2010). The final photometric errors for the sample of stars that are brighter  $K'=15.5$  has a mean of 0.08 mag.

#### C.1. Imaging Completeness

The NIRC2 imaging completeness as a function of position and brightness is estimated by planting simulated stars and determining how well they can be recovered. To accurately estimate the completeness, the images containing simulated stars must be analyzed in exactly the same fashion as the real images. We therefore plant stars in each tile of the mosaic, as well as each tile's three subset images, at the same position and brightness. The simulated images for each tile are then analyzed with the same requirement that sources must be detected in both the combined tile image and all three of its subset images to be identified as a star. It is not necessary to plant stars at the same position in multiples tiles where the tiles overlap, as the mosaic process did not impose additional requirements for sources to be detected in more than one tile.

Artificial stars are generated in a grid in both magnitude and position. Simulated magnitudes range from  $K' = 7.7$  to 19.5 in steps of  $\Delta K' = 0.25$  mag. Simulated positions are set in a regular grid separated by  $0''.25$ . This grid of artificial stars cannot be planted in a single simulated image without dramatically impacting the stellar density and resulting completeness measurements. Therefore, many simulated images are generated, each one containing artificial stars at a fixed brightness and spaced  $0''.5$  apart (see also Schödel et al. 2007). For a given brightness,



**Figure 19.**  $K' - K_s$  correction as a function of  $H - K_s$  color derived from synthetic photometry of red giant stars observable at the Galactic center. Synthetic stars are selected from a simulated 5 Gyr starburst with solar metallicity at a distance of 8 kpc and reddened using the Nishiyama et al. (2009) Galactic center extinction law. Stars on the red giant branch and in the red clump are the most numerous in Galactic center observations, which corresponds to selecting stars from the synthetic isochrone that have  $14 < K_s < 17$  at  $A_{K_s} = 2.7$ . These stars are shown for extinctions ranging from  $2.4 < A_{K_s} < 3.0$ , the observed range of extinctions in the central parsec of the Galaxy. A linear relation between  $K' - K_s$  and  $H - K_s$  is fit and used to convert between  $K_s$  magnitudes reported in Schödel et al. (2010) and the  $K'$  magnitudes reported in this paper.

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four simulated images are required to achieve the final  $0''.25$  spatial sampling. Over 300 simulated images are necessary to cover the full brightness range just for the combined image of each tile. In total, 16,784 simulated images were generated for the 13 tiles in 2006, including their total and three subset images, and were analyzed using *StarFinder* in an identical manner to the observed images. This required  $\sim 1400$  computing hours, or about 1 week when run in parallel on several powerful desktop computers. The simulated and recovered star lists for all the tiles were mosaicked together in the same manner as the observed star lists. The final outcome of the star-planting simulations is a three-dimensional cube of the number of simulated and recovered stars at different  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $K'$  values, allowing completeness curves to be calculated for different areas of the image. Star-planting simulations are extremely time consuming; therefore, completeness maps are constructed only for a single epoch, 2006, which has slightly higher Strehls than the other two epochs. This may tend to overestimate the completeness; however, the effect is negligible at  $K' < 16$ , where luminosity functions are analyzed in this paper. In this work, the completeness is calculated for the entire OSIRIS field of view. Figure 4 shows the resulting completeness curve and how completeness changes with radius. Completeness decreases inside of  $4''$ , primarily due to the limited contrast around the bright WR stars concentrated in this central region around Sgr A\*.

## APPENDIX D

### OSIRIS STAR-PLANTING SIMULATIONS

Our effort to spectral-type the stars using the OSIRIS Kn3 data is subject to several limitations, which results in incompleteness

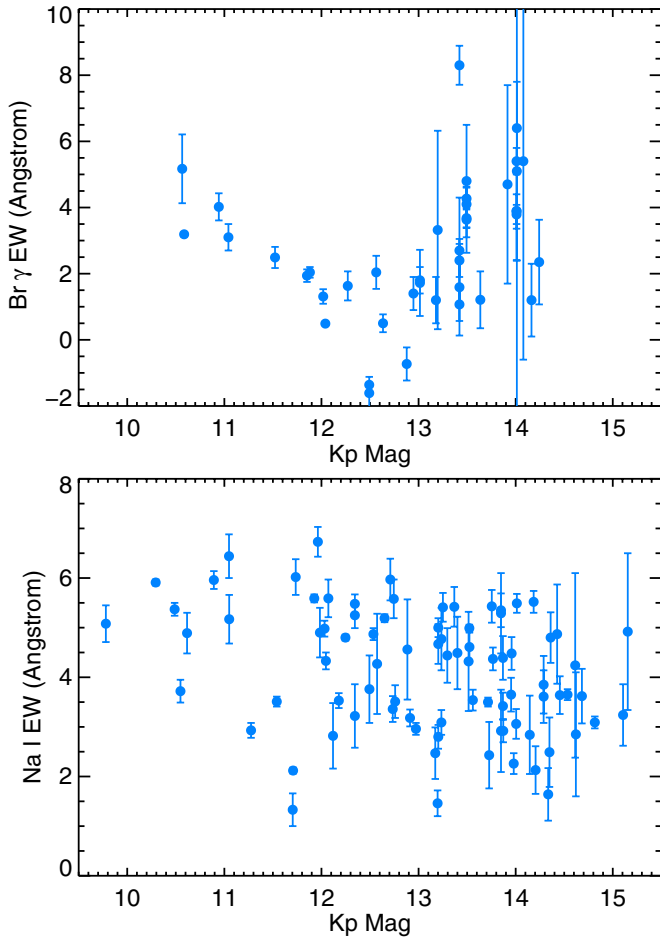
in our survey for stars with  $K' > 12.5$  mag. The following is a list of contributors to the incompleteness of the survey.

1. Intrinsic variations in the equivalent widths of absorption lines will make some stars more difficult to detect than others at a given S/N.
2. The halo noise from nearby bright stars adds both photon noise and possibly systematic errors in some absorption features. For example, we are unable to obtain reliable spectra for bright stars within  $\sim 0''.25$  of the WR stars.
3. Photon noise from the background as well as from dark current is a significant source of noise for isolated stars.
4. Spatially varying background, especially emission from Br  $\gamma$  gas at the Galactic center, may lead to systematic errors in the equivalent width measurements around Br  $\gamma$ .
5. Read noise from the detector also contributes to the noise, but its contribution is insignificant compared with the other sources of error.

Some of these sources of uncertainty affect the early-type and late-type stars differently; for example, the background of Br  $\gamma$  emission may contribute a systematic bias to the intrinsic Br  $\gamma$  absorption line for young stars, but will not affect the measurement of equivalent widths of the Na I doublet. However, the late-type stars will not entirely escape this effect because the measurement of the equivalent width of the wavelengths near Br  $\gamma$  is a parameter in the Bayesian evidence. This error is very spatially dependent, as it is the result of a poor estimate of the background at the location of the star. The most problematic regions are therefore regions where there are strong spatially varying Br  $\gamma$  emission, such as in the Mini-Spiral (e.g., Paumard et al. 2004).

These complexities result in variations in the sensitivity to early-type and late-type spectra, depending on the location of a star. We determine the relative probability that each untyped source is early-type or late-type by running a series of Monte Carlo simulations. For each untyped star with brightness  $K' < 16.0$  mag, we simulate and plant 100 late-type and 100 early-type stars nearby. Each simulated star is planted in the following fashion.

1. We randomly choose a template spectrum to plant from the catalog of spectra that have already been spectral-typed as early- or late-type. The template is required to have  $S/N > 35$  to be chosen. The planted young stars are also required to have a measured Br  $\gamma$  equivalent width and excludes all WR stars. These criteria are chosen to exclude the spectra from the more massive young stars from the simulations (which may have no Br  $\gamma$  absorption). We do not expect the untyped population to include these types of stars, as the majority of the untyped stars are much fainter. There are 83 late-type and 41 early-type spectra satisfying these requirements. Figure 20 shows the equivalent widths of the template spectra used for the simulations.
2. The spectrum is scaled to the flux corresponding to the magnitude of the untyped sources (the conversion between magnitude and flux is empirically calibrated with a power-law fit to the flux determined by *StarFinder* on the OSIRIS cube and the magnitudes determined from NIRC2 imaging).
3. Photon noise is added to the spectrum.
4. We then plant the star next to the untyped source at a distance randomly chosen between 4 and 6 pixels in radius from the untyped source. The location of the simulated source is also chosen to avoid falling on sources detected



**Figure 20.** Equivalent width of Br  $\gamma$  (top) and Na I (bottom) for the sample of stars used for the star-planting simulations as a function of  $K'$  magnitude.

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in deep imaging. Placing the simulated source close to the untyped source helps to sample the same background location and the same halo noise. See Figure 21 for an example of the locations of simulated sources with respect to the untyped sources.

## APPENDIX E

### UNBINNED FITTING OF RADIAL SURFACE-DENSITY PROFILES USING BAYESIAN ANALYSIS

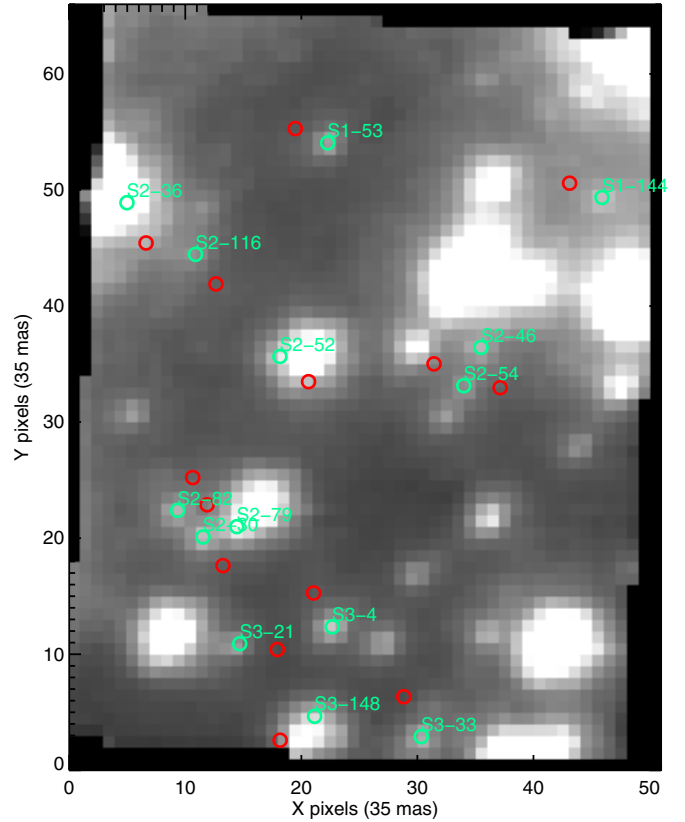
In order to avoid binning the stellar surface-density profile by radius, we will combine the individual likelihood of each source and compute the posterior distribution for the power-law slope,  $\Gamma$  using Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(\Gamma|D) = \frac{P(D|\Gamma)P(\Gamma)}{P(D)}, \quad (\text{E1})$$

where  $D$  are the data points,  $P(D|\Gamma)$  is the likelihood,  $P(\Gamma)$  is the prior distribution of  $\Gamma$ , and  $P(D)$  is the evidence. We will assume a flat prior for  $\Gamma$ . The surface-density profile is used as the likelihood:

$$\Sigma(x, y, \Gamma) \propto (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})^{-\Gamma}, \quad (\text{E2})$$

where  $x, y$  are the R.A. and decl. projected positional offsets from Sgr A\*. We incorporate the individual positional measurements and their errors by convolving the density profile by



**Figure 21.** Example of a star-planting simulation. This example is taken from the field GC East (P.A. =  $285^\circ$ ), shown before star-planting simulations. Labeled with green circles are stars with  $K' < 16.0$  and do not have a spectral type assigned by hand (stars not in Sample 1). In each simulation, we plant a star next to each of these sources between 4 and 6 pixels from the untyped star (red circles). These locations are also chosen so that they will not fall on another source known from imaging or another simulated source. By planting stars next to the untyped sources, we can sample the environmental factors that contribute to the incompleteness, such as halo noise from being near bright sources.

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a normalized Gaussian ( $G(x, y, \sigma_x, \sigma_y)$ ) centered at the measured position with the error as the  $\sigma$ . We also normalize the likelihood by integrating over the area of the survey. The likelihood for an individual star is then

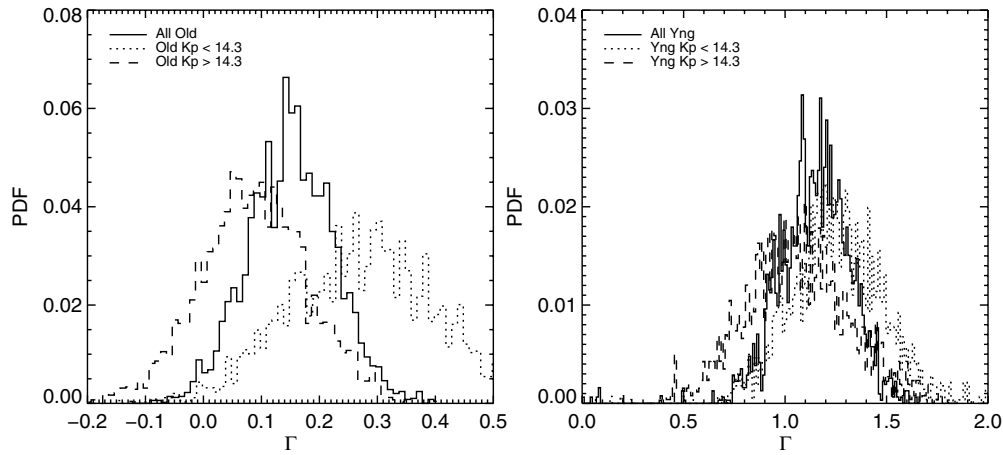
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_i(x_i, y_i|\Gamma, \sigma_{x_i}, \sigma_{y_i}) &= \frac{\int \Sigma(x, y, \Gamma) G(x_i, y_i|x, y, \sigma_{x_i}, \sigma_{y_i}) dx dy}{\int \Sigma(x, y, \Gamma) G(x_i, y_i|x, y, \sigma_{x_i}, \sigma_{y_i}) dx dy d x_i d y_i}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E3})$$

$$= \frac{\int \Sigma(x, y, \Gamma) G(x_i, y_i|x, y, \sigma_{x_i}, \sigma_{y_i}) dx dy}{\int \Sigma(x, y, \Gamma) dx dy}. \quad (\text{E4})$$

The membership probability of the star (whether it is young or old) can be easily included by raising the likelihood to the power of the associated probability ( $P_E$  or  $P_L$ ); this weighs the likelihood by the star's spectral-type probability. In order to incorporate image completeness, we modify weight by the image completeness at the magnitude of the given star,  $I(K')$ , at the field location:  $P_{\text{weight}} = P_{\text{type}}/I(K')$ . The total likelihood is a product of all the individual likelihoods:

$$P(D|\Gamma) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \prod_i^N \mathcal{L}_i(x_i, y_i|\Gamma, \sigma_{x_i}, \sigma_{y_i})^{P_{\text{weight}}}. \quad (\text{E5})$$





**Figure 22.** Posterior probability distribution functions for the surface-density power-law slope of the late-type (left) and early-type (right) stars. We also determine the slopes of the sub-population of bright ( $K' < 14.3$ , dotted) and faint ( $K' > 14.3$ , dashed) sources. The different sub-populations appear consistent with each other. The most probable values for  $\Gamma$  for the different populations are given in Table 8.

The posterior distribution  $P(\Gamma|D)$  is then sampled using a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) using the Metropolis–Hastings method. The chains are tested for convergence using the power spectrum method described in Dunkley et al. (2005). The Bayesian analysis leads to a natural way of using all available information in determining the stellar density power law and is especially useful for determining the properties of subsamples of stars, such as splitting the young stars by magnitude. Figure 22 shows the posterior distribution for the completeness-corrected late-type and early-type stars, as well as the subpopulation of faint and bright stars.

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